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Investments Attracted by Hon'ble Chief Minister

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** met the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India **Thiru. Narendra Modi** at the Prime Minister's office at New Delhi on 31.03.2022 and submitted a memorandum to him containing various demands including those on Tamil Nadu's developmental schemes.

Endowing girls with 'the lasting asset of education'

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

This marriage scheme is the one that was implemented in the name of Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar. The Hon'ble Finance Minister has spoken about it in detail. Still, I wish to offer some explanations to clarify things not only to you but also to the people.

When the scheme was launched in 1989 as Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Thirumana Udhavi Thittam (marriage assistance scheme), the assistance was Rs.5,000 initially. It was increased to Rs. 25,000 in 2009.

The AIADMK Government stopped this scheme once, but later, realizing its importance, revived it, enhancing the marriage assistance to Rs. 50,000 and the gold for 'Thali' to 8 grams from 4 grams when the party came back to rule on 17.05.2011. When the pending petitions received during the AIADMK regime were examined now, it was found that only 24.5 per cent petitioners are found to be eligible beneficiaries. This is what the Hon'ble Finance Minister mentioned here. Besides, the AG's report has found many defects in this scheme. The Directorate of Vigilance and Anti Corruption has registered 43 cases so far and arrested an equal number of persons in connection with extending financial assistance and distribution of gold coins to beneficiaries under this scheme. I don't want to further belittle this marriage assistance scheme by speaking in detail of the irregularities and wrongdoings committed in this scheme during the AIADMK rule.

The 'gold for thali' scheme has been changed into Rs. 1,000 per month scheme for higher education of girl students who have studied in Government schools from 6th to 12th standard', with the noble view that education is the lasting asset and also to rectify the 46 percentage admission of girls in higher education. It is the alternative form of women's emancipation – to confer the qualification of education, to give the lasting asset of education to women even before their marriage age.

Under the marriage assistance scheme, about one lakh women benefited in a year. But, under this 'Rs. 1,000 education assistance scheme', 6 lakh girl students will benefit.

This scheme encompasses social justice, education for women, sustained benefit and modern thought; depositing money directly to the student's bank account is not merely a transparent act but it sows the seed for women in larger numbers to get education. Hence, I request all of you, cutting across party lines to endorse this scheme.

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** during the debate on the scheme for financial assistance to women in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 21.03.2022 *(English Translation).*

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Nobody has the power to ruin the person who has the support of those who reprove him and follows their counsel.

- From Kalaignar's commentary on the Kural

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In the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, on 28.03.2022 at Abu Dhabi, the LuLu Group signed a Memorandum of Understanding for three projects in Tamil Nadu at an investment of Rs.3,500 crore.

Hon'ble Chief Minister visits Dubai to attract investments to Tamil Nadu

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** undertook a tour of the United Arab Emirates, including Dubai from 24.03.2022 to 28.03.2022, to inaugurate the Tamil Nadu Pavilion in the Dubai Expo to improve the Economic and Trade relations between Tamil Nadu and the United Arab Emirates and to attract investments to Tamil Nadu.

Meetings with United Arab Ministers:

The Hon'ble Chief Minister met the United Arab Emirates Hon'ble Minister of Economy, Thiru. Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri and the UAE's Hon'ble Minister of State for Foreign Trade, Dr.Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi on 25.03.2022.

During the meeting, the UAE Economy Minister mentioned the existing Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between the UAE and India. This pact opens up many opportunities and possibilities for micro, small and medium enterprises in both the countries. Through the pact, trade and commerce between the two countries are likely to improve manifold.

The Hon'ble UAE Minister informed the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu that a trade delegation from UAE is to visit Mumbai and New Delhi during May this year and at that time a trade delegation from Tamil Nadu may meet the UAE Trade Delegation.

During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on improving the trade relations between the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the UAE and Tamil Nadu and boosting the trade environment for startup

class Expo. This success of the exhibition is a symbol of the country's class and calibre.

I am really happy to inaugurate the Tamil Nadu Week in the Indian Pavilion. The Expo gives an opportunity to showcase the growth, development and opportunities of Tamil Nadu. Various products produced by the manufacturing sector of the State have been displayed here. Along with tourism, medicare, art and culture, information about Industrial Parks and other departments has been showcased in the Pavilion. Whoever visits the pavilion will get an idea about the all-round growth of the State. Apart from thanking the Indian Consulate, I also congratulate the authorities of the Expo and the organizers of the Indian Pavilion.

companies and new industries. Mutual benefit for the UAE and Tamil sectors through joint investment and enterprise in agriculture, food processing, textiles garments, jewellery and precious stones, electric vehicles, electronics, automobile spare parts and renewable energy Departments was also discussed.

Tamil Nadu Pavilion Opened

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, declared open the Tamil Nadu floor of the Indian Pavilion of the Dubai Expo on 25.03.2022. On the occasion, Tamils living in the United Arab Emirates welcomed the Chief Minister.

At the inauguration ceremony, UAE Cabinet Minister of Tolerance and Commissioner General of the Dubai Expo, Hon'ble Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan was present.

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, while declaring open the Tamil Nadu floor of the Indian Pavilion *(English Translation)*

First of all, I express my heartfelt congratulations to the Dubai Government for organizing this world

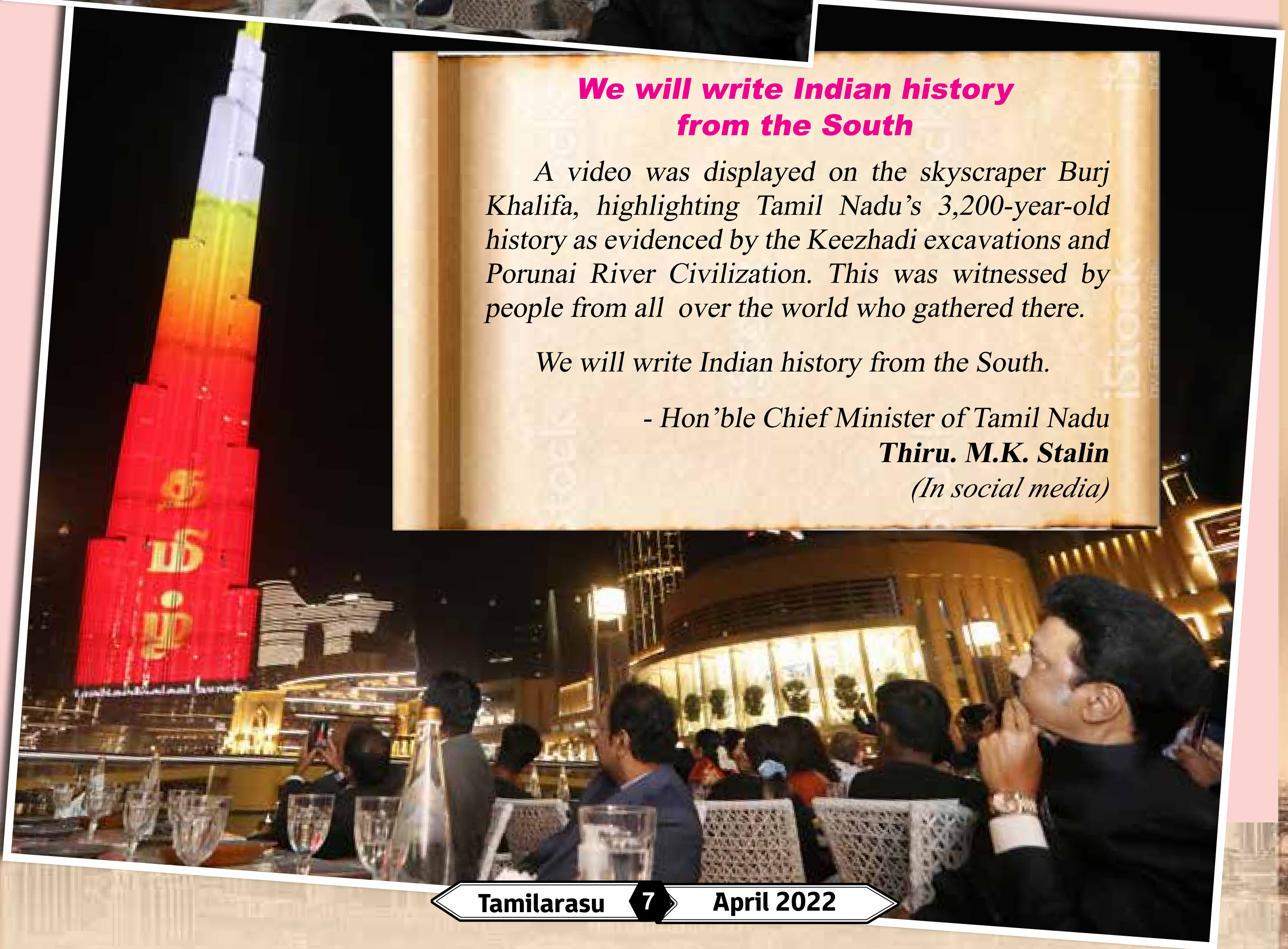
Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu after witnessing the cultural show organized at the Tamil Nadu Pavilion *(English Translation)*

I am really happy to participate in the exhibition organized at the Indian Pavilion in Dubai Expo, especially as the Chief Minister of Tami Nadu. The Government of Tamil Nadu lends its support and supports Tamils in whichever country or

in whichever place in the world they live. This exhibition is being organized at a time when we have to perceive unity in diversity. I again and again congratulate and extend my Tamil welcome to the participants of the cultural show for their efforts to exhibit the art and culture of Tamils.

After inaugurating the Tamil Pavilion, he also visited the pavilions of Alif and Saudi Arabia.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** visited the 2,217-feet - high Burj Khalifa, the tallest tower in the world and witnessed the video projected on it, highlighting the beautiful excavations in Keezhadi and other places, which focus on the history and culture of Tamil Nadu and the classical status of the Tamil language.



We will write Indian history from the South

A video was displayed on the skyscraper Burj Khalifa, highlighting Tamil Nadu's 3,200-year-old history as evidenced by the Keezhadi excavations and Porunai River Civilization. This was witnessed by people from all over the world who gathered there.

We will write Indian history from the South.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M.K. Stalin
(In social media)

MoUs with frontline UAE companies facilitating jobs for 9,700 persons

In the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**, Memoranda of Understanding were signed on 26.03.2022 with frontline organizations of the United Arab Emirates, for investments worth Rs. 2,600 crore, creating employment for 9,700 persons.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister undertook an official tour of Dubai and Abu Dhabi to improve the economic and trade relations between the two countries and to seek investments in Tamil Nadu.

Meeting with investors in UAE

On 26.03.2022, the Hon'ble Chief Minister met the members of the UAE's Investors' Council. During the meeting, the Hon'ble Chief Minister pointed out that the best industrial climate prevailed in Tamil Nadu and appealed to UAE investors to invest in the State.

Three Memoranda of Understanding signed

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with the Noble Steel Company for setting up its unit in Tamil Nadu, at an investment of Rs. 1,000 crore, facilitating employment for 1,200 people. In the signing ceremony, the Chairman and Managing Director of the Company, Mr.Mohamed Ashraf Shahul Ameed participated.

Another MoU was signed with White House of Dubai for an investment of Rs. 500 crore facilitating jobs for 3,000 people. In 3 years in Tindivanam in Villupuram District, with an investment of Rs. 150 crore and in 5 years in Walajabad in Kancheepuram District with an investment of Rs. 350 crore, integrated Sewing Plants will be set up. The partner of the firm, Mr. A. Mohamed Elyas, participated in the signing ceremony.

An MoU was signed with the Transworld Group for setting up a Food Park in Tamil Nadu with an investment of Rs.100 crore; the food park will absorb 1,000 job aspirants. The Chairman of the Company, Thiru. Ramesh Ramakrishnan, was present on the occasion.

Addressing the participants, the Secretary General of the UAE International Investors Council, Thiru. H.E. Jamal Saif

Al Jarwan said that as far as industrial investments are concerned, Tamil Nadu is an important State and there are great opportunities for investors to start units in Tamil Nadu.

On the occasion, the President of IBPC Dubai, Thiru. Suresh Kumar and the Chairman and Managing Director of the LuLu Group, Thiru. M.A.Yusuff Ali and Consul General of India in Dubai, Dr.Aman Puri were present.

Hon'ble Chief Minister meets CEOs of UAE firms

At a function held in the evening of 26.03.2022, the Hon'ble Chief Minister met the Chief Executives of frontline companies of the UAE and in his presence, the following Memoranda of Understanding were signed.

Two Memoranda of Understanding

1) An MoU was signed for setting up a 500-bed hospital in Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs. 500 crore that will facilitate employment to 3,500 persons (3,000 direct and 500 indirect) with Aster DM Healthcare. Dr.Azad Moopen, Chairman and Managing Director of Aster DM Healthcare participated in the ceremony.

2) With the Sharaf Group, another Memorandum of Understanding was signed to set up a Goods Traffic Park with rail connection at a cost of Rs. 500 crore, providing employment to 1,000 people. The Groups' Vice-president, Major Gen (Rtd) Sharafuddin Sharaf and the Chairman and Chief Executive, Thiru. Shyam Kapur were present on the occasion.

Hon'ble Chief Minister meets Chief Executives of Dubai firms

1) Hon'ble Chief Minister met the Chief Executive of the Farabi PetroChemicals, Mr. Mohammed Al-Wadaey and appealed to him to think about the possibilities of setting up a Chemicals Complex, taking into consideration the presence of 4 major ports in Tamil Nadu, the road and rail connections, availability of skilled workers and upgraded commercial environment.

2) The Hon'ble Chief Minister met Chief Executive Hadi Badri of Emaar Properties, one of the biggest real estate developers of Dubai which developed Burj Khalifa, and appealed to him to undertake infrastructure projects in the State.

Hon'ble Minister for Industries visited the Jebel Ali Free Zone (JAFZA)

Earlier, on 26.03.2022, Hon'ble Minister

for Industries Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu visited the Jebel Ali Free Zone (JAFZA).

JAFZA has the biggest sea port and trade zone. It is part of the integrated commercial and trade wing of DP World, which is the biggest service and trade solution centre in the UAE. This free trade zone provides opportunities to export units in UAE in trade development and provides the biggest commercial markets to them.

The Hon'ble Minister also visited the Automative Container Terminal, godown facilities in the zone and the facilities that are being provided for distribution and exchange and export activities to various commercial and trade concerns.

In Thiruvallur District in Tamil Nadu, DP World is setting up a free trade zone. A Memorandum of Understanding had been signed with DP World in September 2021 for setting a free trade zone in the Southern Districts.

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** at the Investors' Meet in Dubai *(English Translation)*

Vanakkam, Vanakkam Dubai,

Mr.Suresh Kumar, Chairman, IBPC Dubai, Founder & Mentor, Tricolour Values Group,

Mr.Yusuff Ali, Chairman & Managing Director of LuLu Group International,

His Excellency Mr.Jamal Saif Al Jarwan, Secretary-General, UAE International Investors Council,

Dr.Aman Puri, Consul-General,

Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Tamil Nadu, Mr.Thangam Thenarasu, Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu, Industries Department, Mr.S.Krishnan,

Mr.Arun Roy, MSME Secretary,

MD & CEO of Guidance, Mrs. Pooja Kulkarni,

Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Tamil kin, who have come to Dubai in accordance with the proverbial saying that one must cross the seas to earn wealth,

A very good afternoon to you all….

I am very happy to address this great gathering of captains of business, trade and industry.

I am happy and honoured to be here. The UAE and Tamil Nadu share a long history of rich cultural and trade relations. We are committed to developing and strengthening these ties.

The relationship between UAE and Tamil Nadu is growing faster than ever before.

We are all interested in improving the economic and cultural relations between Tamil Nadu and the UAE. The presence of people in large numbers in this meeting is indicative of that.

You live in a beautiful city. Dubai is not only a beautiful city but the biggest trade centre. Just 50 years back, the population was less than 1 lakh. But today the city has grown to a great extent, and is looked upon with awe by the world.

Apart from having modern architectural landmarks, it also serves as the biggest commercial centre. Its growth exceeds one's imagination.

There is no need for you to learn about your country's reputation from me. But I would like to share my feelings about this city to inform people here as well in Tamil Nadu, who are seeing this through visual media.

The highest tower Burj Khalifa of 2,217 feet height;

Artificially developed Palm Jumeirah Islands;

The biggest gold chain in the world, which is 5.5 km long;

17 million tourists annually from all over the world visiting Dubai…and so on.

I have come here to improve the economic relations between Tamil Nadu and the UAE. I have come here to appeal to you to invest heavily in Tamil Nadu.

This is my first international tour after I assumed office as the Chief Minister of the State. I am happy to point out that my first international tour is UAE's Dubai. Dubai shines as the biggest trade partner of India and a gateway for exports.

The people of Dubai are law abiding and that is the reason I have come here.

Over 4 lakh Tamils are working/doing business in Dubai.

It is a known fact that the hard work and perseverance of Tamils living here has contributed a lot for the economic development of Dubai. With so many Tamils living in Dubai it may not be considered as a foreign country.

The COVID pandemic has affected economies all over the world.

During the pandemic, in the last ten months alone, Tamil Nadu has signed 124 MoUs, attracting investments of 8 billion US Dollars, creating employment opportunities for nearly 2 lakh persons.

Tamil Nadu has registered a positive GDP growth rate of 5.8 per cent in 2020-2021 in contrast to negative growth in most economies. This clearly shows the faith and confidence of Global investors have reposed in Tamil Nadu.

Our strength is our human resources. Tamil Nadu is a State with a lot of trade and commercial opportunities.

We have been functioning with a long-term objective of making the State a one Trillion Dollar economy, by the year 2030. To achieve the

objective we have been taking various measures, which include upgrading our infrastructure and improving the skill of our employees, besides preparing them for future industrial growth. In the present environment, you have lots of opportunities and possibilities to invest in our State.

Come to Tamil Nadu. I fondly appeal to you all. Let us all travel together in this journey. Not only in infrastructure improvement and real estate business, but also in the tourism and hospitality sectors, there are lots of opportunities in Tamil Nadu.

As far as the Agriculture sector is concerned, we need refrigerated godowns and storage godowns. We have created the best infrastructure in financial services, renewable energy and information data centres. As far as electronics is concerned we welcome investments in electric vehicles and charging stations. Similarly we welcome investments in new industries and startup companies. In the above areas, there are very great opportunities for UAE companies.

Recently, I laid the foundation for Furniture Park in Thoothukudi, which has the second biggest port in the State and the third biggest in the country. This is the first time in the country that a Furniture Park is to be set up in an area of about 1,156 acres. This Park has a great potential for investment. We have planned to meet about 70 to 80 per cent of raw materials requirement in the Park itself. On the date of foundation stone laying itself, the Park attracted 375 million dollars investment. You can invest with confidence in the Furniture Park of Thoothukudi.

Our aim is to make Tamil Nadu a world-renowned hub which attracts investment in all economic sectors, including manufacturing and service. We have been functioning with the motive of ensuring social welfare by improving economic growth that will provide employment opportunities.

World renowned companies such as Hyundai, Peugeot, BMW, Daimler, Caterpillar, Ashok Leyland, TVS, Renault, Nissan, Foxconn, Delta, Dell, Salcomp, Tata Electronics, CEAT, Michelin, MRF, Samsung, Grundfos and L&T, have set up their manufacturing units in Tamil Nadu.

In addition, more than 75 Fortune 500 companies have set up their units in the State. To attract investments, separate Guidance Bureau units have been set up in various nations and to interact with investors and consulate officials of those countries.

This shows the confidence of local and international investors in Tamil Nadu. Our doors are always open to investors. Side by side, we are improving the infrastructure to international standards. We are improving in all fields. This is known through certificates given by big industrialists and entrepreneurs, now in Tamil Nadu.

Independent surveys have validated Tamil Nadu's position as a leading State in good governance, economic growth and social and public health indicators. They also bear testimony to our vision of bringing inclusive growth.

Already the economic ties between Tamil Nadu and Dubai are strong. There are more opportunities to improve the ties further. You all know that there are more opportunities in Tamil Nadu. Your support to our efforts to improve our growth will help your growth also. I appeal to you to participate in our efforts to grow further. Let us work together and grow together.

Once again, I take this opportunity to invite you to Tamil Nadu, to engage in a partnership of investment, innovation, growth and prosperity. I wish you all success in your endeavours.

Hon'ble Chief Minister comments on Dubai's Museum of the Future

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M.K.Stalin
visited the Museum of the Future
at Dubai on 27.03.2022.

Museums with innovations are the need of the hour

"The tour of Dubai and Abu Dhabi is giving me various experiences. The tour, which creates optimism for the growth of Tamil Nadu, has also shown, through 'The Museum of the Future', the innovations that are possible through the scientific vision.

"The Museum of the Future shows that the function of museums is not only reminding us of the past, but also making us move faster towards the future."

"Such museums which show us the innovations possible through science, rather than push us into superstitions engendered by empty talk about past glories, are the need of the hour".

-Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M.K. Stalin
(In Social media)

Guidance TamilNadu

MoUs for Rs. 3,500 crore investment signed in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** met the chief executives of various firms, including LuLu and signed Memoranda of Understanding for investments to the tune of Rs. 3,500 crore.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu went on an official tour to Dubai and Abu Dhabi, with a view to improve the trade relationships between Tamil Nadu and United Arab Emirates and to attract investments from the UAE to Tamil Nadu.

As per schedule, the Hon'ble Chief Minister completed his Dubai tour and arrived at Abu Dhabi on 28.03.2022. At Abu Dhabi the Hon'ble Chief Minister participated in various functions.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister met the chief executives of various firms at the Emirates Palace in Mubadala Tower. During the meeting, the Hon'ble Chief Minister appealed to Thiru. Syed Arar, Administrative Director of the Mubadala Infrastructure to invest in infrastructure projects in Tamil Nadu. Already, the firm's Princeton Digital had invested 350 million dollars.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister appealed to Mubadala to constitute a working group with the Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Fund Management Corporation (TNIFMC) and work out steps to set up units for manufacturing green energy, road projects, industrial parks, and immediate schemes, hostels for industrial workers and data centres.

During his meeting with H.E.Abdulla Mohammed Al Mazroeui, Chairman of the Federation of UAE Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Chairman of Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Hon'ble Chief Minister appealed for investments in food processing units, food parks, cold chains, and logistics solutions. He suggested that food products from Tamil Nadu can be exported to the UAE, the Middle East and North African countries.

Firms which are interested in investing in Real Estate Business, may invest in constructing colonies, commercial buildings, free trade zones, godowns and cargo transport parks. Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Hosur trade have a lot of opportunities for infrastructure investments. The Hon'ble Chief Minister appealed for investments in these areas.

During the meeting with the Chief Executive Officer of the ADQ, H.E. Mohammed Al Suwaidi, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu said that there is good scope for investing in Medical, Health projects and Food Processing units in Tamil Nadu.

Meeting with Chairman and Managing Director of LuLu group

The Hon'ble Chief Minister met the Chairman and Managing Director of LuLu, Thiru. Yusuff Ali at his residence in Abu Dhabi.

In the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru. M.K.Stalin, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the LuLu Group. The firm will undertake three units with an investment of Rs. 3,500 crore and employment to 5,000 persons. LuLu plans to set up 2 shopping complexes with an investment of Rs. 2,500 crore and an export-oriented food processing unit at a cost of Rs. 1,000 crore.

Hon'ble Chief Minister's Dubai visit results in MoUs for Rs. 6,100 crore investment

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin**, at a felicitation function organized at the Indian Social and Cultural Centre (ISCC) along with Abu Dhabi-based Indian Tamils on 28.03.2022 *(English Translation)*.

Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu, Mannargudi constituency MLA, Thiru. T.R.B Rajaa, Rajya Sabha MP Pudukkottai M.M.Abdulla and Dr.Ravichandran, who is to propose the vote of thanks, entrepreneurs of various States, officers of the Indian Diplomatic Mission, my friends, belonging to various States, Police officials of Emirates Government, ladies, elders and my 'beloved brothers', who have identified themselves with Dr.Kalaignar,

At the outset I welcome you all.

To the Tamils living in Abu Dhabi, I extend my warm welcome.

I have been touring Dubai and Abu Dhabi for the past 4 days. Normally I tour only in Tamil Nadu and visit places to which I am invited and get a spirited and enthusiastic reception. I see the same warmth and zest in the reception I get here. I am overwhelmed with your hospitality. Rather than give a speech here, I would like to keep looking at your faces.

I am well! Are you all well. Looking at your faces, I think you are also well. I am able to sense your happiness, enthusiasm and cheerfulness when I see you. I am too happy to see you

all. You are inspiring me. I have come here from thousands of miles away to appeal for investments in Tamil Nadu and for signing MoUs for the growth of Tamil Nadu. My Cabinet colleagues and my officers from Tamil Nadu are doing that job. What I want to tell you is that I have come here not as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu but as one among you. You have also accepted me as one among you.

Though it is said that the main aim of my tour is to seek investments for Tamil Nadu, and the tour has been organized with that end in view, I should say that this is a journey to attract the hearts of Tamils here towards Tamil Nadu.

You all see through media and visual channels that the tour has been successful. People in Tamil Nadu also know about the success of the tour. But some people, who could not digest the success of the tour, are trying to divert the issue by indulging in false propaganda that I have brought money to invest here. Don't think that I am speaking politics here. I have not brought any money here but only the hearts of Tamils from Tamil Nadu. That is the fact.

We all belong to the Tamil race and are united through race, language, culture, civilization, habits, love for others and the desire to help others when they are in distress. While being with you all in Dubai or Abu Dhabi, I feel that I am in Tamil Nadu. Wherever I am, I am with Tamils. I am with those in whose hearts I live. In a similar manner, you all come here to see me and hear my speech. These things will not be known to those who do not think about the interests of Tamils and who plant lies and allegations to gain advantage. It is known only to true Tamils.

I am one among you and have taken the mantle of the Chief Minister's post through your Tamil relatives in the State. Now I am only executing the duties of a Chief Minister. I say this in Tamil Nadu and am saying it here. I have taken on the responsibilities of the Chief Minister's post and not the powers of the Chief Minister. Our Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar used to advise me and the cadres repeatedly at various times. You may be an MLA, MP, Minister or hold some other official position. You should take these posts as a responsibility and do your assigned duty. You should not think of them as posts of power and consider them as a big throne. I should never forget the piece of advice Kalaignar gave me, when I became the first elected Mayor of Chennai, in 1996. I prepared my first speech as Mayor to be delivered at the Corporation. I prepared the speech meticulously as I must be careful in my first speech. I felt some palpitation also. After preparing the speech, I showed the copy to Dr.Kalaignar, who after going through it , made two corrections. In my speech I had mentioned 'Mayor's post' in two places. Dr.Kalaignar replaced that with the 'responsibility of being Mayor' (Mayor Poruppu). Then he asked me if I understood why he had changed the word. While I stood hesitantly, Dr.Kalaignar himself said: "The people have not given you the post of Mayor....they have only handed over the responsibilities of the Mayor's Post to you. You should realize this and act with responsibility. That is the reason I made the changes," he said.

So at present I am holding the responsibility of Chief Minister. I do not consider this as a post of power but as an opportunity to serve the people. Our mentor Arignar Anna used to say on various occasions, go to the people, mingle with them and serve them as one among them. At present, I am executing my responsibilities in this way.

As a representative of crores of people I want to make Tamil Nadu the best State in South East Asia and for that I am taking all possible measures. I have great confidence that I will succeed in my attempt. I have this confidence because I am the son of Dr.Kalaignar. After seeing your support,

enthusiasm and feelings, my confidence has grown still further. That is a fact.

Many people ask the question, What is the Dravidian Model? It is the inclusive growth of all people, it is growth in all fields. That is the Dravidian Model. We are now providing a Dravidian model Government in Tamil Nadu. Though there are many Departments, the most important department is the Industries Department. Industrial growth does not pertain to any single industry. When an industry starts functioning, thousands of families benefit along with the industry. Through the growth of an industrial enterprise, the State also grows. I appeal to the UAE and its industrial enterprises to cooperate with us for such growth. I feel pride in saying that through this visit, we have signed MoUs for investments for starting industries, to the tune of Rs. 6100 crore. Everyone knows that the growth of any State is not possible without the support of Dubai. I am also aware of it. That is why I started my tour from Dubai. I am overwhelmed to see the tremendous response from the investors of Dubai.

While travelling in Dubai, I feel very much at home…I feel I am travelling in my own country. You have created that feeling in me. The tallest tower in the world is the Burj Khalifa. I feel proud to see that the greatness of the Classical Tamil Language, its tradition, and antiquity are being glorified from that tallest tower. But I have one grievance. That Kalaignar is not there to see this.

Though Kalaignar is not there, his son is here to see all this. That gives me pleasure. Not only me, thousands of people like you are also 'sons' of Kalaignar. You are all his brothers. I feel great pride that you still retain this Tamil feeling after coming over here across the seas. This is the greatness of Tamil, the greatness of the Tamil race, the greatness of Tamil Nadu.

Day before yesterday, when I saw Tamils in Dubai, and today when I am seeing the Tamils of Abu Dhabi, I truly tell you, I swear in the name of Anna, I really felt that I was in Tamil Nadu.

The Tamils are the oldest race in the world. The antiquity of the Tamil race is referred to in the verse, 'Kalthondri Mann Thondraa Kaalathe, Valodu Munthondri Mootha Kudi Thamizh Kudi'. Tamils have spread all over the world. Tamils live in more than 75 countries. While speaking about the greatness of Tamil, I am reminded of the old Tamil dictum- 'Yaadhum oore, Yaavarum Kelir' (Every city is my city and all persons are my relatives). But wherever we live, we should not forget our native land. The artefacts unearthed at Keezhadi in Sivagangai District are proof of our antiquity. Even 2,000 years ago, Tamils constructed brick structures. The findings at Keezhadi like potsherds of black and redware pottery, rare stones, gold ornaments, bones of humped bull found in Indus valley, game artefacts such as dice and marked work areas prove that the life of Tamils in Sangam times was rich and varied. Not only we, but the whole world has learnt about this from the Keezhadi excavations.

Soon we are going to set up museums with these findings. We have undertaken excavations in Adichanallur, Sivakalai, Korkai, Kodumanal, Mayiladumparai, and Gangaikonda Cholapuram. The history of Tamil Nadu is more than 3,200 years old and the State Government is determined to retrieve the background of Tamil history. We are going to set up a museum at Tirunelveli with the findings of Adichanallur, Sivakalai and Korkai. This modern museum has been named 'Thanporunai'. I have already made announcements in this connection in the Tamil Nadu Assembly.

Not only this, the State Archeological Department is going to search for the roots of Tamil culture not only in India but also in other countries by getting the necessary permission. I announced this also. The Tamil race should know about its great history. It should be indexed properly for the

benefit of posterity so that they should be proud of their history. At the same time we should not be bogged down by past glory. In the present day, we should make progress in Education, Employment, Industrial Growth and Commerce.

That is why the Government of Tamil Nadu is giving importance to both past history and building of the future. I appeal to you to support the Government of Tamil Nadu. Again and again I extend my sincere thanks to all of you.

As I said yesterday, we should set aside feelings of caste and religion, and unite in the name of the Tamil language and Tamil race.

The Tamil language has the power to unite all of us. I am really happy to receive the reception from the Abu Dhabi Tamil Cultural Centre. I consider this as an important event in my life. For that I extend my thanks to all of you. In a similar manner, Tamil Nadu is waiting to receive you all.

Ameeraga National Anthem was sung here before the beginning of the function. Similarly India's National Anthem was also sung. I paid respect to both national anthems. Similarly, Tamil Thaai Vaazhthu song was also sung. I gave equal respect to the Emirates National Anthem and the Indian National Anthem. When the Tamil Thaai Vaazhthu song was sung I observed that all Tamil people assembled here, sang the song along with it. There was some controversy about Tamil Thaai Vaazhthu Song, when the present Government came to power. We put an end to the controversy by issuing an order that all people should stand when the Tamil Thaai Vaazhthu song was sung. I think you would have seen it in the newspapers.

So I don't want to get into those details further. I am always against making long speeches. I never make such speeches. Some people used to mock me for that. They would say that I don't like to give speeches. They do not know that I am for less talk and more work. I used to mention this in many public meetings. There is an adage in Tamil. Do or die. But in my case I have changed it to Do and Die. I am for completing one's responsibilities and dying only after doing so. Since I have taken such a vow, I have reduced my talk. I am for showing my talent in my actions. I am working with that feeling. I am returning to Tamil Nadu this evening. Pressmen will definitely ask me what happened in my foreign tour and how much investments I have brought for Tamil Nadu. I have got only one thing to say to their questions. I went to Dubai and Abu Dhabi to meet my friends, relatives and the Brothers Dr.Kalaignar and I have met them all.

My programmes here had been scheduled for four days. After coming here, I have the yearning that I should stay here for four more days. But after reaching Chennai tomorrow I have to rush to Delhi. I have appointments to meet the Prime Minister and Home Minister. Following that meeting, I have to declare open the Kalaignar Arivalayam Building (DMK office) in Delhi. So I have so many engagements to fulfil after reaching India.

One thing I would like to tell you now. Whether you invite me or not I shall make visits to Dubai. I know that 90 per cent of the people, no, cent per cent of the people assembled here would like to take a selfie with me. You would be waiting for such a moment. I know that. Such a tendency prevails in Tamil Nadu. So it is not surprising that it is there, here too. So I have made arrangements for your selfie with me. You can remain in your seats and the selfie will be taken with me in the dais. There need be no scramble. These selfies will be uploaded to social media. You can then download your selfie. So please remain calm. I seek your permission to take a selfie with you.

With these words, I conclude my speech by extending my heartfelt greetings and wishes.

UAE visit for investments a great success, Hon'ble Chief Minister tells journalists

My welcome to all of you.

I have returned after successfully completing the official tour of Dubai and Abu Dhabi. At the outset, I would like to inform you that the tour was successful. I am happy to inform you that my official tour was as successful and grand as Dubai City.

During my official tour, I signed six important Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with major industries. With Noble Steels, Rs.1,000 crore agreement has been signed, with White House, a textile giant, agreement has been signed for Rs.500 crore. With Transworld Group, an agreement for Rs.100 has been signed. With Aster DM Healthcare an agreement has been signed for Rs.500 crore. With Sharaf, a transport firm, an investment for Rs. 500 crore has been signed. With LuLu Group, a food processing and Infrastructure Development firm, an agreement has been penned for Rs. 1,500 crore. Totally agreements worth Rs. 3,500 crore have been signed. Total investments with six firms are worth Rs.6,100 crore. These investments will create employment to 14,700

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** met the press at the Chennai Airport in the early hours of 29.03.2022, after completing his official tour of Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

persons. So, I am happy to say with authority that the tour was a tremendous success.

I met and interacted with Ministers of various Departments, captains of big industrial houses and high Government officers. Big financial management companies in Dubai and Abu Dhabi

Big industrial units in the United Arab Emirates, including in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, have come forward to invest in renewable energy plants, development of small ports, food processing industries and industrial parks. I explained to them the favourable industrial climate prevailing in Tamil Nadu. They congratulated me for this. They also praised Tamil Nadu for its ideal industrial climate. Now only 6 MoUs have been signed. More MoUs will be signed in subsequent months. I have invited all the people I met to visit Tamil Nadu. Their visit will definitely lay the foundation stone for Tamil Nadu's growth.

The textiles sector, medical services sector, food processing units and steel logistics, in the State will certainly get a boost due to these investments. Steps will be taken to bring more investments through the Guidance Bureau of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

The agreements signed by the previous AIADMK Government were only paper ships. All they did was ink the MoUs. Whereas in our case, after signing of the MoUs, we are taking action for the companies to come here and start their industries. More importantly, we have set up a Dashboard in the Chief Minister's Office and are going to have monthly review meetings on the progress so that follow up action can be taken and the industries can start even before the scheduled time. We are going to create a conducive environment for the proposed industries to be started. I have instructed the officers who came with me on this. Apart from thanking the Industries Department, I also thank the Abu Dhabi Tamils for their excellent reception, and for their enthusiasm and emotion. When I was in the UAE I never felt I was away from Tamil Nadu. I felt as if I was in Tamil Nadu. Such was their enthusiastic reception. I myself began to doubt whether I was in Tamil Nadu or Dubai. I would like to emphasize again through you to the Tamil Nadu people that my visit was a great success.

QUESTION & ANSWERS:

Q: What were the expectations of Dubai Investors in coming to Tamil Nadu? How much confidence have you given them for starting industries here?

Hon'ble Chief Minister: We have signed the agreements directly with industrialists. I have also assured them that if they start industries in Tamil Nadu, they will be provided all facilities and a conducive environment will be created for them. They are also confident that we will stand by our assurances.

Q: How long will it take for these agreements to take the shape of industries?

Hon'ble Chief Minister: We have fixed a certain period for the MoUs to take shape as industries. There is no doubt that we will take steps to make these MoUs a reality well before the scheduled date and create employment opportunities.

Q: Opposition parties have made several allegations about your trip. How do you view those charges?

Hon'ble Chief Minister: They are all opposition parties. It is their tendency to make allegations. But I am not worried about those charges.

Q: Do you have any plan to tour other countries like the United Arab Emirates to canvass for investments?

Hon'ble Chief Minister: If such a situation arises, and more industries can be started to create job opportunities, for the growth of Tamil Nadu I will surely use such opportunities.

MoUs signed in Dubai and Abu Dhabi

Lulu Group	Rs. 3,500 cr	White House	Rs. 500 cr
Noble Steels	Rs. 1,000 cr	Sharaf	Rs. 500 cr
Aster DM Healthcare	Rs. 500 cr	Transworld	Rs.100 cr

Hon'ble Chief Minister presents 14-point memorandum to Hon'ble Prime Minister

Memorandum presented to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India **Thiru. Narendra Modi** by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, on 31.03.2022, when he met the Hon'ble Prime Minister at his office in New Delhi on various demands including developmental schemes for Tamil Nadu.

Water Resources Issue

❖ Mekedatu Project across the Cauvery proposed by Karnataka.

Fisheries

❖ Protection of Traditional Fishing Rights of Indian Fishermen in the Palk Bay and Ensuring their Safety and Security.

❖ Retrieval of 'Katchatheevu' and restoration of Traditional Fishing Rights of Tamil Nadu Fishermen.

Energy

❖ Coal Issues – Increase Coal Realization, Rakes and Coal Tolling for TANGEDCO : Coal Requirement and Supply.

❖ Declaration of Raigarh – Pugalur HVDC Transmission Corridor as Strategic and National Importance.

Finance

❖ Sharing proceeds of Cess and Surcharge with States.

❖ GST Compensation beyond June 2022.

Health

❖ Admission Policy in Medical Education and Opposition to National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET).

❖ To find a way out to enable the affected students to continue their studies in Medical Colleges in India from the stage at which their studies in Ukraine have been disrupted.

Agriculture

❖ Raising the contribution of the Union Government in Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana to the former level.

Industries

❖ Need for PLI in Footwear Manufacturing.

❖ Preferential allotment to Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor in the DTIS Scheme.

❖ Setting up of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) Labs in Tamil Nadu.

❖ Excess land of Salem Steel Plant to be provided for Defence Industrial Park.

❖ Laying Railway line to Multi Modal Logistic Park (MMLP) at Mappedu.

School Education

❖ National Education Policy - 2020.

Chennai Metro Rail Limited

❖ Chennai Metro Rail Project - Phase-II – Approval under 50:50 equity sharing basis between Government of India and Government of Tamil Nadu.

Welfare of Backward Classes

❖ Request to designate Chennai as an embarkation point for Haj pilgrims for Haj 2022.

Public

❖ Sri Lankan Tamils Issue - Eelam Tamils to have equal civil and political rights.

❖ Present Economic crisis in Srilanka - Government of Tamil Nadu is willing to provide essential commodities and life-saving medicines to the Sri Lankan Tamils.

Transport

❖ New Railway Projects in Tamil Nadu.

Environment

❖ Request to Drop Neutrino Observatory (INO) Project.

❖ Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project – Issue of Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF)

Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare

❖ Inclusion of Narikuravar/ Kuruvikkarar Communities in the Scheduled Tribes List of Tamil Nadu.

Hon'ble Chief Minister meets Hon'ble PM, other Union Ministers, happy with outcome

Press meet of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** at Tamil Nadu Illam in New Delhi on 31.03.2022.

I greet you all.

I came to Delhi yesterday on a 3-day visit. This is my third trip to Delhi.

I met the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in the Parliament complex this afternoon and sought time to meet him. Immediately he consented and allotted time. For that I thank the Hon'ble Prime Minister first.

I presented a memorandum containing 14 very important demands for Tamil Nadu. I explained the importance behind these demands. He listened patiently and assured me that he would take appropriate action on them. I thank the Hon'ble Prime Minister for his assurance. Through the media assembled here, I wish to convey my thanks.

The meeting with the Hon'ble Prime Minister was happy and satisfactory. The memorandum I presented to the Hon'ble Prime Minister has already been given to you. Still I wish to highlight to you a few important demands.

You know the extraordinary situation prevailing in Sri Lanka. I have placed the demand to permit the Government of Tamil Nadu to help the Sri Lankan Tamils, caught in an economic crisis and also supply them essential articles and life saving medicines. At the same time, I have also placed the demand that action should be taken to get for Sri Lankan Tamils equal rights and political rights. I have stressed the traditional fishing rights of Tamil Nadu fishermen and a demand for the retrieval of Katchatheevu.

Permission for Indian students, affected in Ukraine, to continue their medical studies in India, refusal of permission by Union Government to Karnataka Government to construct a dam across Cauvery at Mekedatu, sharing the income through surcharges and additional fee with states, continuation of GST compensation after June 2022 and inclusion of 'narikuravas/ kurivikaarars in the scheduled castes/tribes lists have also been demanded among other things.

Most importantly, what I have pressured and recorded with the Hon'ble Prime Minister and Hon'ble Home Minister is the delay caused by the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu in forwarding the Draft Bill, seeking exemption for Tamil Nadu from the NEET examination, to the Hon'ble President of India though the bill has been passed in the Assembly twice. I have requested the Union Government to take appropriate steps on the Draft Bill.

With Thiru. Amit Shah, Union Home Minister, I raised the issue of the pending flood relief funds to Tamil Nadu and allotment of funds for modernizing the Police and Fire and Rescue Services Departments.

For the construction of new airports in Tamil Nadu, I requested the Union Defence Minister Thiru. Rajnath Singh, to direct officials to allocate the required lands under the possession of the Defence Department. Other requests included the setting up of a Defence Research and Development Organization in Tamil Nadu, handing over the surplus land in Salem Steel Plant to the Defence Industrial Park and locating at Coimbatore the 'Aviation Technology Hub', proposed to be set up by the Union Government.

With regard to Union Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, I have placed many demands before him. The important ones among them are converting the Chennai-Kanniyakumari National Highway into a six-lane road, extending the Chennai-Maduravoyal high rise road to Sriperumbudur, setting up of a high rise road between Tambaram and Chengalpattu and a quick announcement on the national highways schemes on the anvil for the State.

On the whole, my meetings today with the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Union Minister, Hon'ble Defence Minister and Hon'ble Highways Minister are fulfilling.

In our conversation, Hon'ble Nitin Gadkari told me that more schemes were planned to be implemented in the National Highways sector in Tamil Nadu to boost industrial development. Likewise, Hon'ble Rajnath Singh said that Tamil Nadu continues to be the most conducive State for locating defence-centric industries.

Our Parliament members have also stressed in Parliament the demands I have placed today. I wish to tell the people of Tamil Nadu through you that they will continue to stress those demands.

I am due to meet the Hon'ble Finance Minister Tmt. Nirmala Seetharaman and the Hon'ble Minister for Commerce and Food Thiru. Piyush Goyal tomorrow. They have allotted time for the meeting. I will certainly place Tamil Nadu's demands before them.

I am also to visit a Delhi Model school and a hospital tomorrow. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi has stated that he would join me.

Following this, the opening of the 'Anna-Kalaignar Arivalayam' is to take place on April 2 in the evening. I extend my warm invitation to you all to participate in the event.

QUESTION & ANSWERS:

Q: Regarding your talks with the Prime Minister on the Mekedatu dam issue?

A: He said he had already spoken on the issue. He gave the assurance that he would do justice.

Q: You function as a guardian to Tamils. There are 7 Tamil schools in Delhi and the quality of education in them is a question mark. In the last regime, several crores of rupees were allotted for the construction of Amma Block in the school and it has come to light that

many rules have been flouted in that project. Will you enquire about it?

A: It will certainly be enquired on the basis of what has been stated now. Tomorrow I am visiting a model school in Delhi and the Delhi Chief Minister is eager to join me.

Q: Did Thiru. Rajnath Singh say anything about the schemes to be implemented in Tamil Nadu through the Defence Department?

A: When asked about it, he said appropriate action is being taken in this regard. A meeting of the officers concerned had been held and a clear picture had been given on what was proposed to be done. He has assured to complete all these steps shortly.

Q: The Katchatheevu issue continues. The Union Government does not seem to take any effort on it. Are there possibilities to approach the International Court of Justice? Has it been considered?

A: Surely. We have already held legal consultations. That will be continued. We have stressed the matter to the Hon'ble Prime Minister that there must be efforts in this regard.

Q: You have thanked the Prime Minister. How was his approach this time?

A: I thanked him for allotting time to me. He has stated that suitable action will be taken at the suitable time. For that also, I thanked him. I did not say thanks for completion of work; he has assured he would do it. I thanked him for that. I am confident.

Q: Sri Lankan Tamils are coming in more numbers. There is a confusion on whether they should be registered as refugees or illegal immigrants and a clarification has been sought from the Union Government. What reply has been given; what safety measures have been arranged for the immigrants?

A: This is one of the demands in the memorandum. They have said they will examine it. Already we have changed the appellation 'refugee' attached to those coming from Sri Lanka (in despair) as 'Tamil Migrants', allotted funds and arranged all facilities to them.

Q: You met many party leaders in Parliament. How do you feel about their approach to you?

A: I got the opportunity to meet leaders of various parties and MPs in the central hall of Parliament. All of them praised me as administering Tamil Nadu excellently. They also talked about the situation that prevails now.

Q: About meeting Tmt. Sonia Gandhi?

A: She was in the Lok Sabha. I had a chance to see her. I never missed meeting her whenever I came to Delhi. Tmt. Sonia Gandhi and Thiru. Rahul Gandhi had stated they would attend the opening of the (DMK) party's office on April 2. I will meet them there also.

'Payment of pending dues', 'extension of GST compensation at least by two years' in demands presented to Finance Minister

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** met the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister **Tmt. Nirmala Sitharaman** and presented a memorandum containing various demands relating to the finances of Tamil Nadu, at New Delhi on 01.04.2022.

Release of balance basic grant and performance grant under Local Body Grant recommended by the 14th Finance Commission

The 14th Finance Commission had recommended a sum of Rs.7,899.69 crore as Basic Grant for Rural Local Bodies during its award period 2015-2020. However, the Union Government has not released the basic grant of Rs.548.76 crore to Tamil Nadu due to non conduct of local body elections in 2,900 Village Panchayats. The elections in these 2,900 Village Panchayats have not been conducted due to litigations in the court which are beyond the control of the State Government.

Subsequently, the elections in these 2,900 Village Panchayats have been held on 6th and 9th October 2021 and elected members have assumed their posts.

Similarly, the 14th Finance Commission has also recommended a grant of Rs.2,524.20 crore as Performance Grant to Tamil Nadu during the period 2016-2017 to 2019-2020. On the above, the Union Government had released a sum of Rs.494.09 crore for the year 2016-2017 for which the utilisation certificates have been furnished with a request to release the grant for the year 2017-2018. Despite compliance of the conditions and furnishing of utilisation certificates, the grant for the year 2017-2018 has not been released to Tamil Nadu. Subsequently, the grant for the years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 have also not been released.

However, the Union Government has released the performance grant to most of the States for the year 2017-2018.

Hence, we urge that the balance basic grant of Rs.548.76 crore and performance grant of Rs. 2,029.22 crore be released to Tamil Nadu early.

Pending dues from the Union Government

The State Government is facing severe financial stress despite easing out of Covid pandemic at present, as the revenues have been badly affected due to pandemic. The pandemic necessitated the State to incur additional expenditure towards upgrading health infrastructure, medical equipment, drugs and also implement welfare schemes for the vulnerable sections of the populace. Including Rs. 13,504.74 crore GST Compensation arrears, the pending dues from Union Government of India amount to Rs.20,860.40 crore.

We request that the pending dues of Rs.20,860.40 crore be released to Tamil Nadu at the earliest, so that the State could effectively overcome from the fiscal crisis.

Request for Extending the period of GST compensation:

During the introduction of GST, the State accepted to forego its fiscal autonomy with an assurance from the Union Government that our revenues will be protected. In the last five years, there has been a wide gap between the actual revenues realized and the protected revenues guaranteed. This trend was visible even before the pandemic and the gap has been increasingly wide ever since. The States' revenues are yet to recover despite easing out of Covid pandemic. At this juncture, the GST Compensation period is coming to an end on 30.06.2022. Consequently, in the coming financial year, Tamil Nadu will face a revenue loss of approximately Rs.20,000 crore.

We urge the Union Government to extend the period of compensation by atleast two years beyond June 2022.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inspects Delhi Model School, says work is on to start such schools in Tamil Nadu

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** on 01.04.2022, visited the Delhi Government Model School at West Vinod Nagar. The Director of Education of the Delhi Government, Thiru. Himanshu Gupta explained the salient features of the education system of Delhi schools. In Delhi Government schools about 13 lakh students are studying from 9th to 12th Standard by taking Entrepreneurship Development and Commerce subjects in the Business Blasters programme. For this the Delhi Government has allocated Rs. 60 crore for the academic year 2021-2022. The main aim of the course is to make potential entrepreneurs.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. Stalin also witnessed a short film on Delhi Model School growth and interacted with the students of the school. The Hon'ble Chief Minister saw the inventions of the students and congratulated them for their innovations. He also visited the Swimming Pool in the school and interacted with the students and swimming trainers.

Addressing press after visiting the School, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu said:

"I heard that the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi Thiru. Arvind Kejriwal has created Model Schools and they have been functioning well. When I asked the Delhi Chief Minister whether I could visit the schools, he replied that he would himself be pleased to receive me and take me around the schools. The Delhi Chief Minister welcomed me when I arrived at the school. For that I express my sincere thanks to him.

The newly formed Government in Tamil Nadu under my leadership is giving equal importance to all Departments, but especially to Education and Medical Departments. We are also going to start model schools in Tamil Nadu, similar to the ones in New Delhi. Works are on for setting up model schools in Tamil Nadu. Once the works are completed they will be inaugurated. We are going to invite your Chief Minister Thiru. Arvind Kejriwal for the inaugural. He will come, and through you, on behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu, I invite him to the function."

Subsequently, the Hon'ble Chief Minister visited the Government Mohalla Clinic and enquired about the clinic. The Hon'ble Chief Minister was informed that there were 500 Mohalla Clinics and the plan was to increase the number to 1,000. These clinics would be set up in important junctions such as Delhi Metro Rail Station and Airport. There are also plans to start separate Mohalla Clinics for Women.

Tamil Nadu Budget 2022-2023 improves State's fiscal health

In the history of Tamil Nadu, this budget deserves to be written in golden letters!

The current budget represents growth in the next 25 years while also correcting the decline of the past 10 years!

The Dravidian Model shall continue! Come, let's establish a prosperous Tamil Nadu together.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

Thiru. M. K. Stalin

Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Human Resources Management **Dr. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan** presenting the Budget Estimates for the year 2022-2023 to the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 18.03.2022.

Highlights

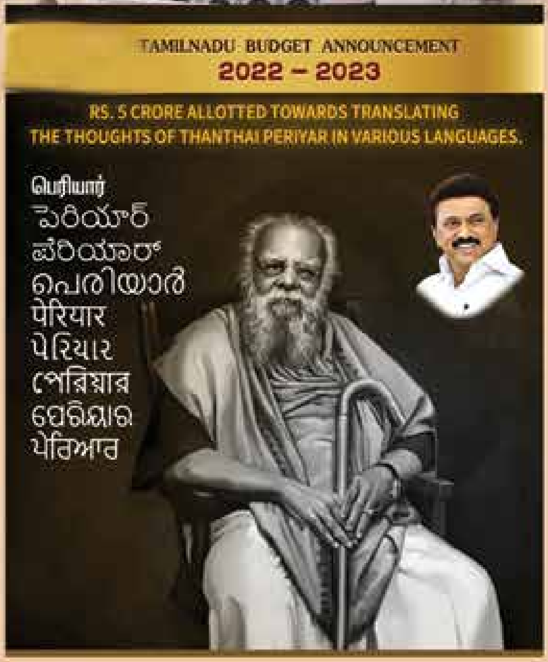
Absence of disease, plenty in harvest, wealth, general happiness and security, these five are the jewels of a country.

(Kural–738)

- Hon'ble Chief Minister has asked me to prepare the budget keeping in mind not just the present, but the future, including generations of Tamils yet unborn.
- This Government continues to fulfil its poll promises at a historically unprecedented pace, including many major announcements made in the Budget session last year.
- Despite massive expenditure commitments, this Government has shown unparalleled fiscal discipline and management.
- An increase of only 1% of the Budget Estimates in the First Supplementary Estimates to the Budget.
- Revenue Deficit by over Rs.7,000 crore, reversing an alarming trend of increasing deficits every year since 2014. Further, we are poised to see a significant reduction of the Fiscal Deficit, from 4.61% down to 3.80% even during such a challenging year.
- The antiquity of ancient Tamil civilization as at least 3,200 years old, making it one of the oldest civilizations in the World.
- It is a basic tenet of our Constitution that 'India is a Union of States'.
- Now, as we see the economy bouncing back, we must rebalance our priorities and focus on social infrastructure and development without compromising on welfare schemes.

Mudhalvarin Mugavari

- A new Department named "Mudhalvarin Mugavari" was created. So far, 10,01,883 grievances have been resolved by this Department.



Union-State Fiscal Relations

- The GST compensation period is coming to end on 30.06.2022. Consequently, in the coming financial year, Tamil Nadu will face a revenue loss of approximately Rs. 20,000 crore.

State Finance Commission

- The Government will soon place the Action Taken Report on its recommendations before this August House.

Tamil Development and Culture

- With a view to establishing the relationship between the Tamil language and the Indo-European language family, a committee of Tamil etymologists will be formed to prepare an etymological dictionary.
- A collection of Periyar's written works will be published in print and digital editions in 21 Indian and World languages at a cost of Rs. 5 crore.
- Archaeological explorations are being carried out in order to find new Stone Age sites in five Districts and archaeological sites along the Porunai river.
- This year, new museums will be built in Villupuram and Ramanathapuram Districts at an estimated cost of Rs.10 crore. In addition, the tribal on-site museum at Courtallam in Tenkasi District, the pre-historic on-site museum at Poondi in Thiruvallur District and the Hero-Stone on-site museum in Dharmapuri District will be upgraded at an estimated cost of Rs.10 crore.
- Rs.82.86 crore has been allocated to the Tamil Development Department in this Budget.

Revenue and Disaster Management

- To retrieve and protect Government lands, including water bodies from encroachments. An amount of Rs.50 crore is provided in this Budget as a special fund for this purpose.
- An Advisory Committee had been set up to make suitable recommendations to prevent damages caused by floods in Chennai city. Based on the recommendations of this Committee, the Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced that the first phase for the flood prevention works will be taken up at a cost of Rs.1,000 crore. An amount of Rs.500 crore has been allocated.
- The sudden floods which happened in Chennai recently have underscored the need to upgrade 'Disaster Early Warning Systems' to accurately predict the weather. In order to receive timely warning before a disaster strikes, the Government will establish an advanced early warning system with super computers, a system of weather balloons, two weather radars, 100 automatic weather stations, 400 automatic rain gauges and 11 automatic water level instruments. For this, an allocation of Rs.10 crore has been made in this Budget. An allocation of Rs.7,474.94 crore

Rs.2,531crore has been allotted for crop loan waiver

Rs.10,285.22 crore has been allocated for the Police Department

Botanical garden near Chennai at a cost of Rs.300 crore

has been made to the Revenue and Disaster Management Department.

Police

- The Police Department has been provided an allocation of Rs.10,285.22 crore.

Fire and Rescue Services Department

- Rs.496.52 crore has been provided for the Fire and Rescue Services Department.

Administration of Justice

- Rs.1,461.97 crore has been provided for Administration of Justice.

Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection

- A sum of Rs.2,531 crore for the waiver of crop loans, a sum of Rs.1,000 crore for the waiver of jewel loans and a sum of Rs.600 crore for waiving Self-Help Group loans, totalling an amount of Rs.4,131 crore has been allotted for loan waiver.
- An allocation of Rs.13,176.34 crore has been made to the Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection Department.

Irrigation

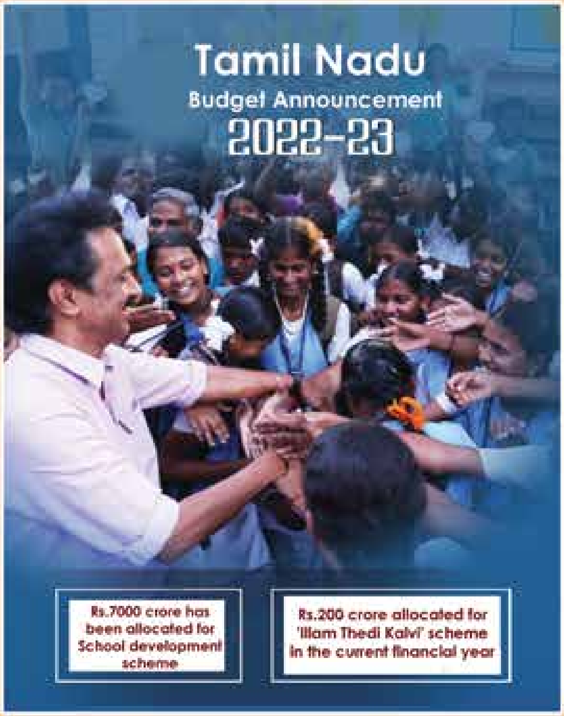
- The Government has sanctioned a special desilting scheme for 4,964 km of canals at a cost of Rs.80 crore in 10 Districts in the delta region.
- An allocation of Rs.7,338.36 crore has been made to the Water Resources Department in this Budget.

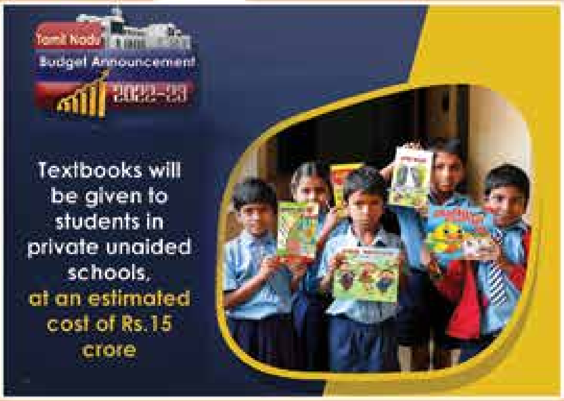
Animal Husbandry

- A new scheme “Vallalar Palluyir Kappagangal” will be launched to support NGOs which take care of abandoned and injured pet animals and strays. For this scheme, Rs.20 crore will be provided. An allocation of Rs.1,314.84 crore has been made to the Animal Husbandry Department

Environment, Climate Change and Forests

- The Government will set up a botanical garden at a cost of Rs.300 crore near Chennai in partnership with Kew Gardens of London.
- To fund climate change initiatives, mitigation and greening projects, the Government will set up the “Tamil Nadu Green Climate Change Fund”.
- The Government will implement “Project Nilgiri Tahr” with an initial allocation of Rs.10 crore.
- The Government has decided to set up a Children’s Nature Park at an estimated cost of Rs.20 crore which will house birds, butterflies and animals by remodelling the Guindy Children’s Park.
- An allocation of Rs.849.21 crore has been made to the Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department.





School Education

- Model schools will be established in another 15 Districts and an amount of Rs.125 crore is being allocated.
- The Government will launch a massive scheme called the 'Perasiriyar Anbazhagan School Development Scheme' to modernize Government schools (including Adi Dravidar, Tribal and Kallar Reclamation Schools) over the next five years. Along with necessary infrastructure in Government schools, 18,000 new classrooms will be constructed.
- In the next two years, the Government will establish District Central Libraries with modern infrastructure in the newly created 6 Districts at an estimated cost of Rs.36 crore.
- Book fairs will be organized in all the Districts of Tamil Nadu.
- An allocation of Rs.36,895.89 crore has been made to the School Education Department.

Higher Education

- A Knowledge City will be developed through international collaboration. This city will have branches of world-renowned universities with research and development hubs, skill training centres and knowledge-based enterprises.
- Over the next 5 years, a special scheme will be implemented to create new classrooms, hostels, laboratories and smart classrooms at a total cost of Rs.1,000 crore. For this purpose, Rs.250 crore has been provided
- An allocation of Rs.5,668.89 crore has been made to the Higher Education Department.

Naan Mudhalvan

- The primary objective of the 'Naan Mudhalvan' programme, the dream project of the Hon'ble Chief Minister is to produce five lakh accomplished youth every year by enhancing their level of education, knowledge, intellect, motivation and skill.
- To join premier higher education institutions like Indian Institute of Technology, Indian Institute of Science and All India Institute of Medical Sciences, the Government will bear the full cost of their undergraduate education.

Youth Welfare

- "Olympic Gold Quest" programme has been successful in mentoring Olympic medallists in our country. A similar programme to develop world class athletes and Olympic medalists from Tamil Nadu will be implemented by providing Rs. 25 crore.

Chess Olympiad

- The chess Olympiad is the most prestigious competition in the field of chess. Generally many countries compete among each other to host this competition. So far, India has not got

an opportunity to host this event. Due to the intense efforts of this Government, I am delighted to inform that this year the competition will be held in Chennai for the first time. 2000 top players from 150 countries are set to participate in this event. This event will be a turning point for the sports sector in Tamil Nadu. This Government will offer complete support for the successful conduct of this event.

- An allocation of Rs.293.26 crore has been made to the Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department.

Public Health

- Upgrade 19 Government hospitals into new District Headquarter Hospitals. This will include the six newly created Districts and these hospitals will be upgraded at a cost of Rs. 1,019 crore.
- To establish Tamil Nadu Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (TNIMHANS), by upgrading the Institute of Mental Health (IMH), Kilpauk.
- In Kanchipuram District Arignar Anna Memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Centre will further be upgraded to a 750 bed autonomous institution of excellence.
- A sum of Rs.17,901.73 crore has been allocated to the Health and Family Welfare Department.

Social Welfare

- The Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Memorial Marriage Assistance Scheme is being transformed as the Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Higher Education Assurance Scheme.
- All girl students who studied from Classes 6 to 12 in Government schools will be paid Rs.1,000 per month directly into their bank account till the uninterrupted completion of their undergraduate degree, diploma and ITI courses. The students will be eligible for this in addition to other scholarships. Through this programme, approximately 6,00,000 girl students can potentially benefit each year.
- An ‘Integrated Training Centre for Social Empowerment’ will be constructed in Athur, Chengalpattu District at a cost of Rs.27 crore. This Centre will be utilised to provide training to all Government officials, including those from Social Welfare Department, on welfare, rights, development and empowerment of women and children.
- A sum of Rs.5,922.40 crore has been allocated to the Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department.

Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare

- A corpus of Rs.30 crore will be provided to Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (TANSIM) to support startups by Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (SC and ST) entrepreneurs. In order to encourage entrepreneurs from SC and ST communities, 5% of all divisible procurement by

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443 houses for Vulnerable Tribal groups

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Old places of worship of minorities will be renovated at a cost of Rs.12 crore

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Rs.838 crore has been allocated to the Department for the welfare of differently abled persons

Government and Governmental agencies shall be reserved for products manufactured by Tamil Nadu based SC and ST entrepreneurs.

- The Government has sanctioned construction of 443 houses this year at a cost of Rs.20.7 crore for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG) such as Irulars. In the coming year, an additional 1,000 new houses will be built for PVTGs at an estimated cost of Rs.50 crore.
- A sum of Rs.4,281.76 crore has been allocated to the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department
- A high-level committee will be constituted to do a comprehensive review of the functioning of Government hostels and suggest suitable measures to improve infrastructural facilities, sanitation, learning environment, quality of food, safety and related aspects.

Welfare of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities

- The Government is providing funds for the repair and reconstruction of places of worship of minorities including churches, mosques and dargahs. This year, old places of worship such as Wesley Church and St. Thomas Mount Church in Chennai, Caldwell Church in Tirunelveli, St. Xavier Church in Nagercoil, Nawab Wallajah Mosque in Chennai, Ervadi Dargah and Nagore Dargah will be renovated at a cost of Rs. 12 crore in the coming financial year.
- A sum of Rs.1,230.37 crore has been allocated to the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department.

Welfare of Differently Abled

- The Government will take steps to co-ordinate the activities of these Departments, facilitate the exchange of information and provide all services to children born with special needs through treatment centres at various levels.
- A sum of Rs.838.01 crore has been allocated to the Department for the Welfare of Differently Abled Persons.

Rural Development Department

- The objective of Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam-II is to bridge the infrastructural deficit in villages and to usher a multi-faceted development. In the coming year, this scheme will be implemented in 2,657 village panchayats at a cost of Rs.1,455 crore.
- 149 Samathuvapurams, which have been neglected without maintenance for the last ten years, will be renovated in the first phase at a cost of Rs.190 crore.
- Rs.26,647.19 crore has been allocated for the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.

Municipal Administration

- A special fund of Rs.60 crore will be provided to create basic infrastructure in the six newly formed corporations of Tambaram, Kanchipuram, Kumbakonam, Karur, Cuddalore and Sivakasi at Rs.10 crore each. Further, for 28 newly created municipalities Rs.2 crore each will be provided with a total allocation of Rs.56 crore.
- Rs.20,400.24 crore has been allocated for the Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department.

Water Supply

- Rs.3,000 crore has been provided towards Jal Jeevan Mission in the Budget.

Housing and Urban Development

- The Government will release a ‘Redevelopment Policy’ this year to redevelop old and dilapidated residential tenements constructed by the Tamil Nadu Housing Board. So far, 60 such schemes have been identified and preliminary activities have been initiated. The project will envisage to achieve maximum FSI in partnership with private enterprises.
- The 50-metre wide stretch of land adjoining the eastern side of the Outer Ring Road (ORR) from Minjur to Vandalur with a length of 62 kms will be developed as a Development Corridor.
- An amount of Rs.3,700 crore has been allocated towards Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).
- Rs.8,737.71 crore has been allocated for the Housing and Urban Development Department.

Highways

- The Maduravoyal - Chennai Port Elevated Corridor Project, which is vital to the commercial development of Chennai. A 20.6 km long double-decker elevated corridor at an estimated cost of Rs.5,770 crore will be constructed.
- The remaining stretches covering Neelangarai, Injambakkam and Sholinganallur villages will be widened to six-lane at a cost of Rs.135 crore.
- Rs.18,218.91 crore has been allocated to the Highways and Minor Ports Department.

Transport

- Under the ‘Climate-Friendly Modernisation of Buses in Major Cities of Tamil Nadu’ Project being implemented with KfW assistance, 2,213 BS-VI new diesel buses and 500 new electric buses will be procured.
- Rs.5,375.51 crore has been allocated to the Transport Department.

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Rs.3000 crore has been provided towards drinking water in residential areas

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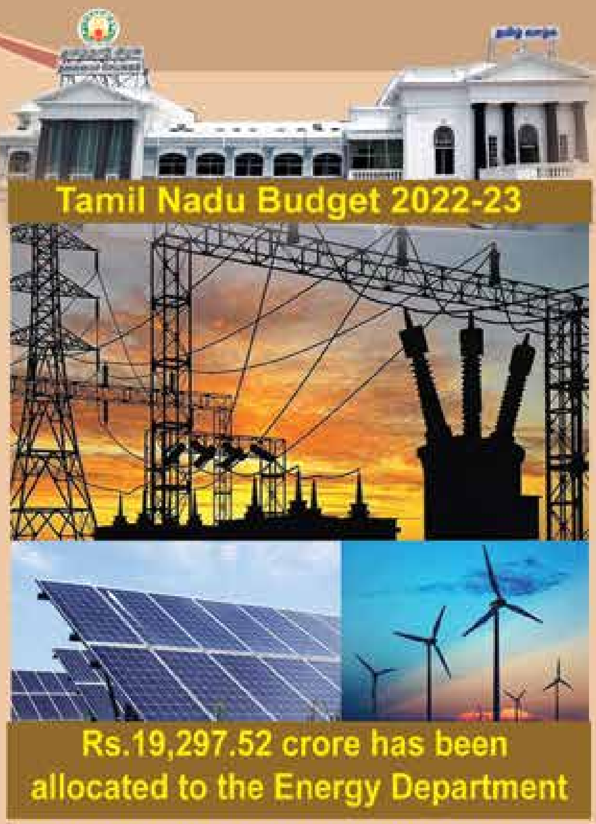


Energy Department

- Rs.19,297.52 crore has been allocated to the Energy Department.

Labour Welfare

- A special scheme will be implemented in collaboration with reputed institutions for transforming 71 Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) as Technology and Skilling Centres to meet industry 4.0 standards at a cost of Rs.2,877 crore.
- Mobile Information-cum-Assistance centres for migrant workers will be introduced through voluntary organizations to ensure reach of Government welfare schemes and to raise awareness about their legal rights.
- Rs.2,353.93 crore has been allocated to the Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department.

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)

- The Government will launch a new “Micro Cluster Development Programme”.
- Tamil Nadu Coir Business Development Corporation will be set up in Coimbatore.
- An amount of Rs.911.50 crore has been allocated to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department.

Industries

- A special fund of Rs. 100 crore will be created to build the required public infrastructure for export organizations in Tamil Nadu.
- A new Footwear and Leather Industry Development Policy will be released.
- Rs.3,267.91 crore has been allocated to the Industries Department.

Startups

- The Government will contribute Rs.50 crore to the Emerging Sector Seed Fund for making equity investments in Tamil Nadu based startups.
- The Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission (TANSIM) will set up Regional Startup Hubs in Erode, Madurai and Tirunelveli. An iconic State Startup Hub Centre with all facilities will be established by the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) at Nandambakkam, Chennai at an estimated cost of Rs. 75 crore.
- In order to support the startups based in Tamil Nadu, Government Departments and public sector undertakings will be allowed to do direct procurement of innovative manufactured products up to Rs. 50 lakhs.

Information Technology

- The Government will set up the i-Tamil Nadu Technology (iTNT) hub at a cost of Rs.54.61 crore in Chennai.

- Rs.199.60 crore has been allocated to the Information Technology Department.

Tourism

- Rs.246.06 crore has been allocated to the Tourism- Art and Culture Department.

Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments

- The Government will take steps to renovate and restore, ancient temples that are more than thousand years old without affecting their heritage. The works will be carried out at a total cost of Rs.100 crore.
- Rs.340.87 crore has been allocated to the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department.

Welfare of Government Employees

- Considering the welfare of the families of the pensioners, the Government will provide a special allocation of Rs.50 crore to clear the backlog claims.

Administrative Reforms

- The Government will constitute a Human Resources Reforms Committee, which will be tasked with proposing a comprehensive roadmap for reforms in human resource management within a six-month period.
- To ensure this, e-procurement system will be made mandatory for all procurements by Government and public sector entities from 01.04.2023 onwards.

Finances of the State Government

- On account of prudent fiscal management of this Government, the overall Revenue Deficit has decreased to Rs.55,272.79 crore in Revised Estimates as against the budgeted amount of Rs.58,692.68 crore.
- The Fiscal Deficit as a percentage of GSDP has reduced to 3.80% in the Revised Estimates from 4.33% in the Budget Estimates.
- The States' Own Tax Revenue is estimated to be Rs.1,42,799.93 crore in the Budget. The State's Own Non-Tax Revenue is projected to be Rs.15,537.24 crore.
- The Total Revenue Receipts are expected to be Rs.2,31,407.28 crore.
- The Total Revenue Expenditure is expected to be Rs.2,84,188.45 crore.
- The Revenue Deficit is estimated at Rs.52,781.17 crore.
- The Fiscal Deficit is estimated at Rs.90,113.71 crore.

Manifold steps to achieve foodgrain target, digital route planned to raise production

“The Agriculture Budget gives impetus to the growth not only of greenery on the land but also for happiness in the hearts of agriculturists. This Government is strongly behind farmers.”

*- **Thiru. M.K. Stalin***
Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

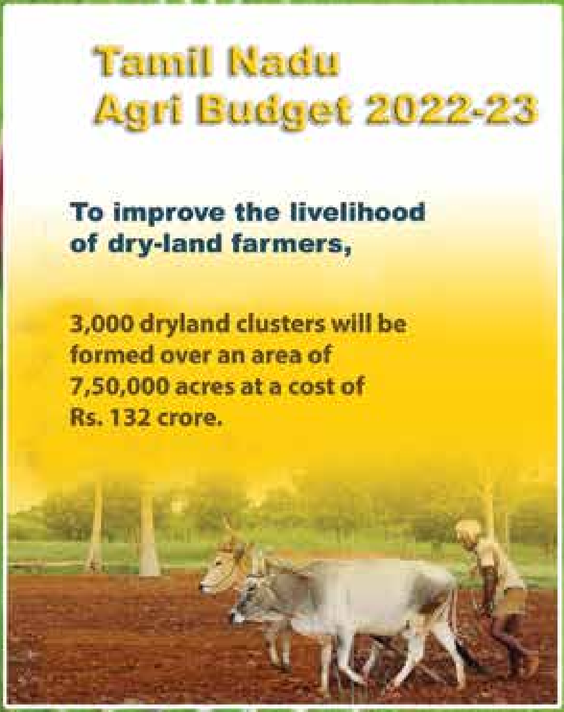
Hon’ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare **Thiru. M.R.K. Panneerselvam** presenting the Agriculture Budget for the year 2022-2023 to the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 19.03.2022.

Special features of the Agriculture Budget 2022-2023

However they roam, people of the world must follow the farmer’s plough. for despite being laborious, agriculture is the noblest profession (Thirukkural 1031)

Main Objectives of the Agriculture Budget

- The area of coverage under agriculture has been increased as per the long-term scheme of the Hon’ble Chief Minister.
- Coordination of the schemes of various Departments related to agriculture, for the overall development of villages.
- Increasing the income of dryland agriculturists.
- Increasing the area coverage under small millets, pulses, oil-seeds, cotton, fruits and vegetables through alternative crop cultivation.
- Protecting farmers from crop loss due to natural calamities.
- Advice to farmers to undertake farm-related activities for additional income throughout the year.
- Encouraging organic farming.
- Providing immediate assistance to farmers using Information Technology through Agriculture Extension Centres.
- Steps for judicious use of irrigation water.
- Encouraging non-traditional crop varieties.
- Mechanization of agriculture operations.
- Utilizing solar energy for agriculture operations. Strengthening various water sources through farm ponds.
- Improving the infrastructure of marketing mechanism to help farmers get remunerative income.



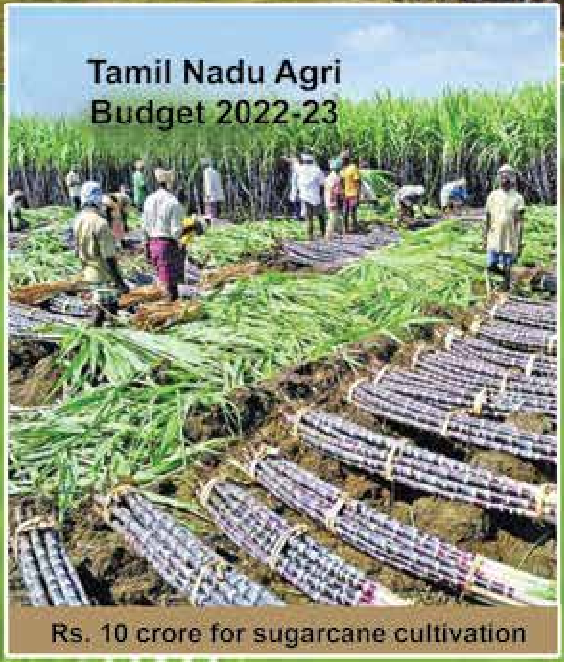
Special Features

- Total allotment Rs. 33,0007.68 crore (last year's (2021-2022) revised estimate, Rs. 32,775.78 crore)
- Rs.300 crore has been allotted for Kalaignarin All Village Integrated Agricultural Development Programme for 3,204 village panchayats. Integrating all farm-related activities of various departments (1997 Village panchayats 2021-2022).
- Rs.132 crore for the benefit of 7.5 lakh acres of dryland grouped in 3,000 clusters under the Chief Minister's Dryland Development Mission.
- A new scheme, at a cost of Rs. 71 crore, known as State Agriculture Development Scheme will be introduced for organic farming and distribution of inputs.
- Rs.2,546 crore allotted for Crop Insurance Scheme
- Directorate for Millets and Pulses.

Two Special Zones for Millets

- ❖ First Zone to have Tiruvannamalai, Salem, Kallakurichi, Villupuram, Cuddalore, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri and Vellore Districts.
- ❖ The Second Zone consists of Thoothukudi, Virudhunagar, Madurai, Tenkasi, Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, Theni, Tiruchi, Karur, Dindigul, Ariyalur and Perambalur Districts.
- ❖ Special zone for Toor dhal with Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Tiruvannamalai and Salem.
- ❖ Millets festivals will be organized to create awareness about their nutrition value.
- ❖ Assistance to the tune of Rs. 152 crore from seed to sales for millet and pulse varieties.

- Special attention to encourage sunflower and soya bean oil seed varieties at a cost of Rs. 29.7 crore.
- Digital agriculture to be introduced at a cost of Rs. 8 crore.
  - ❖ Geographical Index for all lands in villages.
  - ❖ Recommendation for new crop scheme.
  - ❖ Artificial intelligence for pests and other crop diseases.
  - ❖ Training on operating drones.
  - ❖ 'Internet of things' for automation of irrigation.
  - ❖ An exclusive portal "Tamil Mann Valam" for soil health cards.
  - ❖ Utilizing Remote sensing technology to assess the extent of crop coverage.
  - ❖ Online Distribution of inputs, seeds and saplings.
  - ❖ Cashless transactions in Agriculture Extension Centres.



Rs. 10 crore for sugarcane cultivation

Rs. 15 crore for rejuvenating 50 farmers markets and Rs. 10 crore for setting up 10 new markets.

- Soil testing laboratory in Mayiladuthurai.
- Rs.5 crore for 20 per cent subsidy to Adi Dravidar, Tribal, small and micro farmers in High Value Agricultural Schemes.
- Special fund of Rs. 5 crore for pest and disease management programme.
- Assistance to Sugarcane farmers.
    - ❖ State Support price of Rs.2,950 per metric tonne, including Rs.195 as special incentive.
    - ❖ Rs. 10 crore for assistance to sugarcane cultivation.
    - ❖ Rs. 4.5 crore for modernization of testing centres in sugar mills, automatic weigh bridges.
- Rs. 20 crore allotted for TAHDCO farmers who have been sanctioned power supply for micro irrigation.
- Rs. 30 crore for encouraging organic farming in horticulture crops.
- Rs.27.51 crore for inter-cropping in coconut, mango and guava gardens.
- Rs.25.9 crore for high-tech technology for setting up Greenhouse, shade-net, mulching, hydroponics and vertical gardens.
- Rs.10.25 crore for Bee-keeping.
- Rs. 5 crore for steps to improve inflow of vegetables in Uzhavar Sandhais
- Rs. 2 crore for retrieving traditional vegetable varieties.
- Rs. 4 crore to encourage tomato cultivation during off-season periods.
- Rs. 2.65 crore for Palm Tree development .
- Rs.150 crore for farm mechanization.
- Under the Chief Minister's Solar-powered Pumpsets Programme, Rs. 65.34 crore for 3,000 pumps and Rs. 3 crore for 145 solar dryers.
- Rs.15 crore for rejuvenation of 50 Uzhavar Sandhais and Rs.10 crore for setting up 10 new Uzhavar Sandhais.
- Permission to sell millets and pulse varieties in one Uzhavar Sandhai in each District during evenings.
- Preference for value-added and for food processing units:
    - ❖ Three Mega Food Parks, one each at Tindivanam, Theni and Manapparai, at a total cost of Rs. 381 crore.
    - ❖ Rs. 95 crore for 38 villages to set up value-addition marketing centres.
    - ❖ 5 small-trade learning centres at a cost of Rs.3 crore.
    - ❖ Rs. 5 crore for setting up 295 value-addition centres.

- Rs. 15 crore for setting up pesticide residue toxic analyzing laboratories at Chennai and Tiruchi.
- With public-private participation in Theni, Coimbatore and Kanniyakumari Districts, Wholesale Vegetable Marketing Complex to help wholesale traders to purchase vegetables from nearby State vegetable growers.
- State-level "Farm Producers management centres" to guide farmers in marketing techniques.
- Infrastructure facilities for 6 Regulated Markets at a cost of Rs. 36 crore.
- Rs. 125.44 crore for second phase water drainage up-gradation works in Perambalur, Thoothukudi, Dindigul, Krishnagiri, Ramanathapuram, Dharmapuri and Virudhunagar Districts.
- Rs. 10.32 crore for purchase of 60 Drones, training and demonstration.

Activities of farm related departments

- Rs. 80 crore for de-silting canals and channels to a length of 4,964 kms in Cauvery Delta Districts.
- Rs.5 crore for protection of traditional fish varieties like Ayirai, Cellkandai and Kalpasu.
- Payment of Rs. 5,157.56 crore to TANGEDCO for free power distribution to farmers.
- Rs. 1,245.65 crore for setting up farm ponds, check dams and de-silting operations through Rural Development Corporation.
- New roads to a length of 2,750 km at a cost of Rs. 604.73 crore to help farmers bring inputs home and take finished products to markets.
- Rs. 42.07 crore for carrying out 3 lakh farm-related works through National Rural Livelihood Mission and Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission.
- Rs. 30.56 crore under the Vaazhnthu Kaattuvom Project, for creating Producer groups, producer clusters and community farm schools.
- Rs. 1.5 crore to provide subsidy to start small farm industries through micro, small and medium enterprises.
- An industrial estate for farm products at Tiruvarur District through TANSIDCO to get remunerative prices for finished products of farmers.
- For Agriculture Startup companies, Rs. 10 lakh assistance for their commercial related activities.
- Monitoring distribution of agriculture loans to the tune of Rs.1,83,425 crore to Tamil Nadu farmers through commercial banks, co-operative banks and rural banks.

More educational facilities created for BC, MBC and minority community students

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** declared open at the Secretariat on 14.03.2022, a school of the department of backward, most backward and minorities welfare and 4 hostels for college and school students, constructed at a cost of Rs. 13.77 crore and such of the school buildings where infrastructure facilities had been completed of the 10 Kallar Reclamation Schools in which the work is undertaken at a cost of Rs. 9.34 crore.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is focussed on implementing many schemes to uplift the social, educational and economic status of backward, most backward and minority communities. Towards this end, the hostels declared open were: a polytechnic college men's hostel to accommodate 100 students at Sankarapuram, Kallakurichi District (Rs. 3.74 crore); a school boys hostel to accommodate 50 students at Thaiyur in Villupuram District (2.17 crore); a college women's hostel to accommodate 100 students (Rs. 4.11 crore) and a men's college hostel for 100 students to stay (Rs. 3.74 crore) at Arakkonam, Ranipet District.

With NABARD's financial assistance, infrastructure facilities like laboratories, additional restrooms, compound wall and additional classrooms are being provided in 10 Kallar Reclamation schools at Karadikal, Perungamanallur, Thengalpatti, Kalluthu, Nalluthevanpatti and Vellaimalaipatti in Madurai District, Mallanampatti and Pallapatti in Dindigul District and Surulipatti and Markayankottai in Theni District. The Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open such of the school buildings where the infrastructure facilities had been completed.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone for infrastructure works in 92 Kallar Reclamation Schools at a cost of Rs. 50.09 crore with NABARD financial assistance.

Following this, the Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed loans to 3 beneficiaries as a token of the distribution of credit facilities to the tune of Rs. 48.03 crore for 6,881 beneficiaries through the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation for starting small industries and trade. Also distributed were appointment orders to 3 heirs of employees who had worked in hostels and Kallar Reclamation Schools, functioning under the Department of BC, MBC and Minorities Welfare as a token of distribution of such orders on compassionate ground to the heirs of 15 employees who had died in harness.

Dr. Ambedkar birth anniversary to be celebrated as 'Equality Day': GO issued

சுருக்கம்

உறுதிமொழி – அண்ணல் அம்பேத்கர் அவர்களுடைய பிறந்தநாளான ஏப்ரல் திங்கள் 14–ஆம் நாளை ஆண்டுதோறும் 'சமத்துவ நாள்' ஆக அனுசரிப்பது – உறுதிமொழி மேற்கொள்வது – ஆணை வெளியிடப்படுகிறது.

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Hon’ble Chief Minister underscores role of builders in providing employment, assures all support to building sector

Inaugural speech of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. M. K. Stalin**, at the 30th All India Builders’ Convention at Mamallapuram on 12.03.2022 *(English Translation)*.

Hon’ble Minister for Water Resources and Dear Brother Thiru. Durai Murugan, Hon’ble Minister for PWD Thiru. E.V.Velu, Hon’ble Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Thiru. T.M. Anbarasan, Member of Parliament Thiru. Selvam, Members of Legislature Thiruvalargal S.S. Balaji and Ruby Manoharan, National President of the Builders Association of India Dr. R.N.Gupta, Vice President Thiru. S. Ayyanathan, State President of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman Thiru. R. Sivakumar, South Centre President Thiru. L.Santhakumar, President of the 30th Convention of the Association Thiru. Bhishma alias R. Radhakrishnan, Executives of the Co-ordination Committee, Industrialists of the Building Sector, affectionate newspaper and media friends, Elders, dear Brothers and Sisters – I wish to convey my evening greetings to all of you.

We heard Thiru. Radhakrishnan’s emotional welcome address here; particularly his references to the affection and friendship that existed between him and Thalaivar Kalaignar. He came to Fort St. George to meet me and get the date for this event. He insisted that I should come to this event and said that Thalaivar Kalaignar always obliged them whenever they invited him and also implemented whatever they had wanted. He has also listed here the good things and benefits they had received during Kalaignar’s rule.

Thalaivar Kalaignar assured you, then, of the Karikalan award. After regime change, that could not be fulfilled. Now, there is again a regime change. You need not worry. Whatever assurance Kalaignar gave, it will certainly be implemented. Kalaignar assured the people that his Government will do what it had stated and speak of things it has achieved. Today, we are trying to improve upon it; this Government is also capable of implementing things that have not been stated by it, in addition to those that have been stated. The popular adage is the cub will exhibit twice the prowess of its mother. But that will not bestow any glory to our leader. We should show our prowess in a four-fold way; that alone will confer greatness on our leader. With that spirit alone, I am participating in this event and thus have got the good opportunity of meeting you all. I wholeheartedly thank Thiru. Radhakrishnan and his co-workers for giving me this opportunity.

While on my way to this event, I read a line in your invitation – Role of Construction in Nation Building – a line that underscores the importance of builders in the country's development.

You are the base for the Union and State Governments' infrastructure. Yes; you are journeying along with the union and state Governments in building this country. As part of that journey, the South Centre of this Association is conducting this 30th all-India builders convention. Apart from being the oldest centre of the Builders Association of India, the South Centre which has a membership of more than 2,500 is like the 'Mother' centre. Perhaps on account of this, this Centre is providing jobs with a motherly affection, to workers in the un-organized sector also in the State.

I therefore feel that the greatness of this association is not only due to its support to development but also because it provides job opportunities. The President of Chennai Centre Santhakumar told me that this Centre alone provides jobs to more than two lakh workers in the un-organized sector and more than one lakh regular workers. It is truly appreciable that many welfare schemes including distribution of ration articles to people during the Corona period was done through this Centre. For that, I extend thanks on behalf of the Government.

It is said that pillars add strength to a building. You are adding strength by building high quality Government buildings.

Muthamizh Arignar Thalaivar Kalaignar gave importance to this builders association and honoured your invitations; keeping this in mind, I have come here today. It will not end with this.

At one of the events where Thalaivar Kalaignar participated, you were concerned about cement price rise and placed a demand. It was the then Chief Minister and our Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar who accepted it and fulfilled your demand on the dais itself and made an announcement about reduction in cement price.

You have invited me as a Chief Minister. Following the footsteps of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar I have come here and participated.

The Government is well aware of the challenges faced by the construction industry during the Corona period. Hence, as soon as we assumed office, we cancelled the package tender method in the PWD. Order was issued to call for separate tender for civil and electric works valued at more than Rs. 15 crore. The ceiling for the prequalification tender amount has been increased from Rs. 2 crore to Rs. 5 crore. Order has been issued to deal with the registration of new contractors and renewal of registration at the zonal level chief engineer itself. Annual renewal of contractor registration has been changed to once in 3 years. A committee has been set up for proper arrangement of data for the preparation of estimates to suit the current procedures.

Still, I certainly know that the construction sector has not come out of the impact of the Corona period. Keeping this in mind, you have placed a demand. You want the fund limit to be fixed at Rs.10 crore to Rs. 25 crore for the category I contractor and solvency certificate for Rs. One crore; creation of a new category I A, fixing fund limit above Rs. 25 crore for

it and solvency certificate for Rs. 3 crore. For other categories, you want the solvency criterion to be reduced to 10 per cent from the present 30.

He said that I am Kalaignar's heir; that means this Government treads the path of Kalaignar. Following his path, I make an announcement on your demand on this dais itself. Steps will be taken for the creation of a new category 1 – A (of contractors) and reduction of the solvency criterion to 10 per cent (that is Rs.2.50 crore) and for other categories to 15 per cent from the present 30 per cent so as to benefit all contractors.

You placed a demand. It is my turn to place a demand. You should come forward to construct low-cost houses for the poor and marginalized sections of people. All people know that this Centre has earned a name and fame for quality constructions. So, you should construct quality buildings, strong buildings for this Government and continue to be a 'pillar' to this Government.

Thiru. Radhakrishnan said that the present regime in Tamil Nadu is one for the people. Rather than saying that this is a DMK regime, one headed by me or that it is run by us, it is better to say that our Government is, as I often say, a Government for the people. This Government is proceeding in that spirit alone. As always, you are supporting such a rule in all circumstances. You should continue your support to us. Your support will enthuse us to work and our work will benefit the people through welfare schemes. With this, I conclude my speech, expressing once again my heartfelt thanks to you for giving me this opportunity to meet you all.

Hon'ble Chief Minister thanked by Narikuravar community girls

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** invited three school students belonging to the Narikuravar community –R. Priya, 9th standard student in Immaculate school, Avadi, K. Divya, 10th standard student, Ebenezer school, Ambattur and S.S. Dharshini, 7th standard student in Nazareth Academy, Avadi - after seeing their video recordings and interacted with them at the Secretariat on 16.03.2022.

The students requested the Hon'ble Chief Minister to shift the 'Narikuravar' community from the most backward class to scheduled tribe, develop their colony in Avadi and extend help for their studies. They also thanked the Hon'ble Chief Minister for his great interest in the welfare of school students.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister assured the students of all help.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates Aavin's ice cream manufacturing unit at Madurai

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, inaugurated through video conferencing, an Ice cream manufacturing unit set up at a cost of Rs. 65.89 crore at the Madurai Co-operative Milk Producers Union Complex, on behalf of the Dairy Development Department, at the Secretariat on 14.03.2022. The unit has a manufacturing capacity of 30,000 litres of ice cream per day.

Aavin is functioning under a three-tier system in the State with 9,316 primary milk producers co-operative societies at the village level, 25 Milk Producers Co-operative Unions at the District level and the Co-operative Milk Producers Federation at the State level. The federation on an average procures about 39 lakh litres of milk through 4.26 lakh milk producers spread all over State and supplies about 26.66 litre of milk to consumers through its various units. Tamil Nadu is third in the country in milk procurement under the milk co-operative set up.

With quality as the only watch-word, Aavin has been supplying milk and milk products at an affordable price to consumers for over 40 years and is the leading milk distributor in the State. At Ambattur, the Federation has a unit of 15,000 litre, capacity per day, producing ice cream and other milk products and supplying the quality products to consumers.

In continuation of this, on behalf of Aavin, from the funds of the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation Limited and through the National Milk Federation, a modern ice cream manufacturing unit with a capacity of 30,000 litre per day has been set up in the Madurai Aavin Complex at a cost of Rs.65.89 crore. The ice cream plant facilitates employment to 100 persons.

- **Manufacturing capacity of 30,000 litres of ice cream per day.**
- **50 ml, 100 ml, 500 ml and one litre packs.**
- **Employment to 100 persons.**

In this unit which caters to the demands of consumers in southern parts of the State continuously, ice cream is packed in 50 ml, 100 ml, 500 ml and one litre packs to the convenience and taste of consumers.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates sports infrastructure worth Rs.84.57 crore

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**, at the Secretariat in Chennai on 14.03.2022, on behalf of Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu under the Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department, declared open new infrastructure facilities, constructed at a cost of Rs. 28.08 crore in various districts and infrastructure facilities, worth Rs. 56.48 crore, at the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University complex through video conferencing.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has been taking concerted measures to make the State the number one in youth welfare and to give proper training to sportsmen and sportswomen so that they triumph in their respective events at national and international-level tournaments.

In this connection, at the outdoor district sports complex at Katpadi in Vellore District, facilities such as spectators' gallery with a capacity of 1,500 people, separate lodging facilities for differently abled persons, office room, medical facilities room, exercise room, separate rooms for sportspersons, dress changing rooms, kitchen and dining hall, at a total cost of Rs. 16.45 crore;

In the Hosur Sports Complex in Krishnagiri District, playgrounds for basketball and volleyball and indoor stadium for shuttle-cock, walking path and exercise room, all costing Rs. 3.69 crore;

At the Integrated sports ground near the Jawaharlal Nehru Sports Complex in Chennai, children's sports hostel with lodging facilities for 150 girl students, trainers' room, sports equipment room, kitchen, dining hall and interaction room for girls, all constructed at a cost of Rs.7.94 crore;

At the Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University Complex, primary-level shuttle-cock centre set up at a cost of Rs.13.33 crore, primary-level centre for table tennis at a cost of Rs.12.60 crore, hostel for boys and girls built at a cost of Rs. 14.59 crore, primary-level centre for sports biomechanics, set up at a cost of Rs. 13.12 crore, training centre for traditional Kalaripayattu and Silambam at a cost of Rs. 1.60 crore, dining hall, modern kitchen and store room at a cost of Rs. 51.72 lakh and vehicle parking stand set up at a cost of Rs. 73 lakh.

Totally, sports infrastructure facilities set up at a cost of Rs.84.57 crore were declared open by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Hon'ble Chief Minister hands over incentives to youth who won in India skills 2021 competition

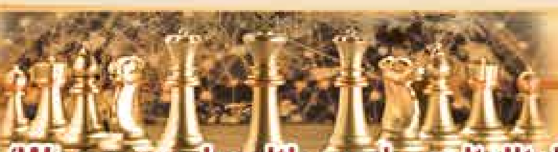
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 14.03.2022, congratulated and handed over incentives to youth of Tamil Nadu, who won medals at the national level India skills 2021 competition, conducted in New Delhi.

With a view to develop Tamil Nadu as a skill centre and to encourage youth to get employment and to improve their entrepreneurial skills, the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation has been implementing various schemes.

Skill competitions are conducted once in two years at the national level for all States. In the India skills 2021 conducted in New Delhi from January 6 to 10 this year, 36 youth of Tamil Nadu participated in the skill competitions in various areas of interest and at various stages. They won 2 gold, 8 silver, 8 bronze and 5 special medals, totalling 23 medals at the competition.

To honour the youth who won laurels for the State at the India skills 2021 competition, the Hon'ble Chief Minister gave away a cheque for Rs.1 lakh each to A.Anushree and Subhasis, who won gold medals, a cheque for Rs. 50,000 each to M.Kaliraj, C.Karthi, S.Dakshayani, P.V.Saraswathi, R.J.Pragatheeswaran and S.Vishnupriya, who won the silver medal and a cheque for Rs. 25,000 each to M.J.Aparna, B.Lokesh, J.Ajay Prasad, V.Lokesh, S.Jagan, M.R.Pragathish and R.Dinesh.

Medal winners are to participate in the World skills Olympics, to be held in Shanghai in China in October this year.



'We are ready with our hospitality'

Welcome to all of you.

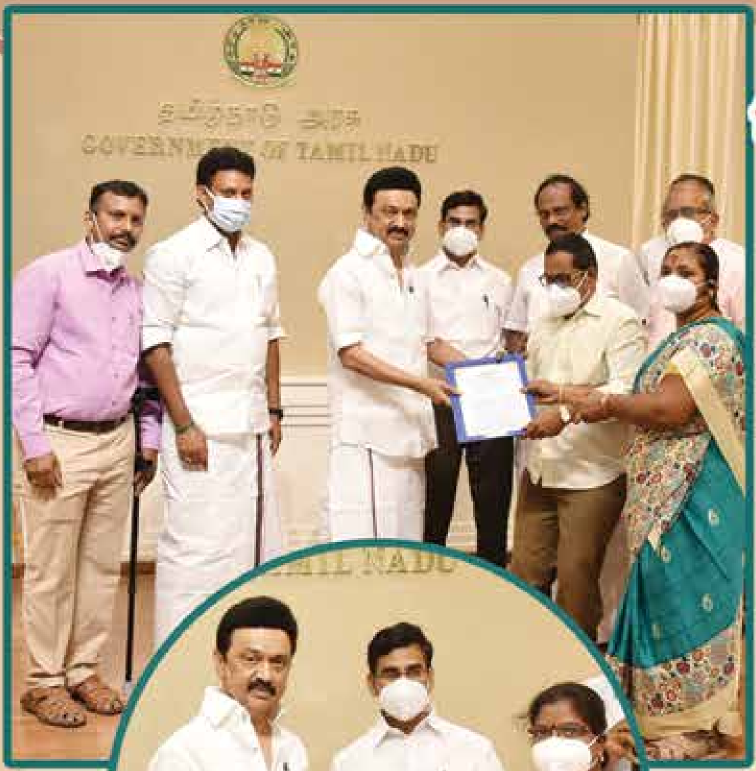
I am delighted to share my happiness in hosting the 44th World Chess Olympiad in Chennai. The event will be a milestone for Tamil Nadu at the international level. This event to be held in Tamil Nadu is a great honour to the people of Tamil Nadu.

Sports competitions are always associated with talent, skill and beauty. In the case of chess, which is a wonderful game, the participants have to have patience while the spectators are all aflutter. This wonderful game has many connections with Tamil Nadu. Right from World Chess Champion Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand to Praggnanandhaa, the State has been contributing many chess players.

At this juncture, this Chess Olympiad to be held in Chennai, with over 150 nations expected to participate, is going to be one of the biggest international events ever held in the country. My heartfelt thanks to the International Chess body and the Indian Chess Federation for giving Tamil Nadu an opportunity to host this historic event.

I am confident that this event will definitely make known the fame of Tamil Nadu, especially its hospitality and culture to the world. We will organize the Olympiad in a grand manner and we are waiting to welcome the international Chess Players

-Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M.K. Stalin



Government job for grandson of freedom fighter Jeevanandam

In a special gesture, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** presented an appointment order to Thiru. M.Jeevanand (a differently abled person), grandson of freedom fighter and communist leader Thiru. Jeevanandam, popularly known as Comrade Jeeva, at the Secretariat on 14.03.2022. The appointment is for the post of junior assistant to fill up a vacancy in the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation.

Block Education Officers are functioning as union level inspectors in the Directorate of Primary Education for all Government and Government-aided primary and middle schools in the state, self-financing primary and middle schools, nursery and primary schools. Their important functions are to see that Government welfare assistance reaches union level schools and to continuously monitor the learning progress of students. Vacancies in such important posts of Block Education Officers are filled up through the Teacher Recruitment Board. As a mark of distributing appointment orders to 95 persons selected by the Recruitment Board, the Hon'ble Chief Minister presented appointment orders to 4 persons.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister between the Department of School Education and Cognizant company for strengthening the technology framework in Government schools, creating simple technology learning resources and improving the technological skills of teachers to suit the activities of computerized schools. Through this MoU, the Cognizant company will act as the intellectual partner and work jointly with the Government's School Education Department for the computerized learning development scheme.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister released two books translated into Telugu - 'Thirukkural Urai' written by Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar and translated by Prof.Jayaprakash and 'Oru Puliyamarathin Kathai' (story of a Tamarind tree) written by author Thiru. Sundara Ramasamy and translated by Tmt.Gowri Kripanandan. These are the 7th and 8th books published under the 'Thisaithorum Dravidam' scheme. These books have been brought out as joint publications of the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation and the Hyderabad Book Trust.

TNGMSSH becomes first Government hospital in India to have Advanced Robotic Surgery centre

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** inaugurated the Advanced Robotic Surgery Centre, at the Chennai Omandurar Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital (TNGMSSH), installed at a cost of Rs.34.60 crore on behalf of the Health and Family Welfare Department, on 15.03.2022.

This is the first time in the country that such an advanced Robotic Surgery is available in a Government Hospital. Through this method of surgery, difficult operations can be performed by surgeons precisely and meticulously.

Robotic Surgery is an advanced technique of laparoscopy. If certain portions of the body are to be removed during an operation, blood flow in the blood vessels of those parts has to be controlled. When a certain part of the body is weakened in this manner, it can be removed. When this is done, the blood vessels have to be protected. For doing this, a three dimensional view is necessary, which is possible in robotic surgery.

While the surgeons can rotate their wrist only up to 120 degrees, in Endo Wrist in Robotic Surgery, the rotation is up to 360 degrees. In addition, since the 3D view is available, it is possible to observe the blood vessels and affected organs precisely and do the operation.

During the Robotic surgery, as the scars on the patient's body are minimal, loss of blood, pain and post operative infections can be controlled and pain-killing injections are not required. Patients can return home within a short period of time.

This advanced robotic surgery will be highly useful for kidney surgery and intestinal operations as well as cancer and heart operations.

Hon'ble Chief Minister hands over colour TV sets for use of students in Sri Lankan refugee camps

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru.M.K.Stalin** handed over the TV sets to 3 beneficiaries, as a mark of distributing 109 Colour Television sets for the use of students in the Rehabilitation camps of Sri Lankan refugees, at the Secretariat on 14.03.2022.

Taking into consideration the number of dropouts of students in the rehabilitation camps of Sri Lankan refugees and to enthuse them to continue their studies, the Government of Tamil Nadu has been giving incentives to those studying in colleges and doing diploma courses, besides providing free education to students studying from 1st Standard to 12th Standard in Government schools.

Due to the Corona pandemic, the studies of school-going children in the Rehabilitation Camps of Sri Lankan Refugees have been affected. As these children do not have virtual classroom facilities, they experience great difficulty in benefiting from online classes conducted by the Tamil Nadu Government's Education TV channel. To enable such students to get the benefits of online education classes and to conduct evening special classes in the camps, the Rotary International was requested to supply 55 inch and 43 inch Smart TVs to the Sri Lankan Rehabilitation camps depending on the students' strength.

Rotary International, accepting the request, supplied 109 colour TV sets at a cost of Rs. 43.60 lakh and these TVs will be installed in the evening educational centres of the rehabilitation camps for the benefit of students.

News in Picture

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** greeted the Tamil Nadu athletes K. Manikandan, R. Sudan, Prithvi Sekar, Samiha Parveen, R. Sneha and Jerlin Anika, on 22.03.2022 who will be participating in the 24th Summer Deaf Olympics to be held in Brazil from 01.05.2022 to 15.05.2022.

Hon'ble Chief Minister launches Rs.1,588 crore Compressor unit of Samsung at Sriperumbudur

In the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the Multi-National Company, Samsung, for setting up a compressor unit at Sriperumbudur at a cost of Rs.1,588 crore, providing employment to 600 persons, in Chennai on 15.03.2022.

In the presence of the Muthamizh Arignar, Dr.Kalaignar Karunanidhi a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the Samsung on 10.11.2006 for setting up a colour TV unit, computer screens, refrigerators, air conditioners and washing machines at SIPCOT's Special Economic Zone in Sriperumbudur and in Sriperumbudur Industrial Park at an investment of Rs.450 crore, providing employment to 2,500 people. Within a year the construction was completed and Dr.Kalaignar, the then Chief Minister, inaugurated production from 13.11.2007. That investment has increased to Rs. 1,800 crore in the current year.

The construction work as per the present MoU will be completed by the third quarter of the current year and the production of 80 lakh compressors is likely to start by the end of 2022. It has been planned to produce 144 lakh compressors before the end of the year 2024.

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister *(English Translation)*

Hon'ble Minister for Industries Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu, Additional Chief Secretary (Industries), Thiru. S.Krishnan, Managing Director of the Guidance Bureau, Tmt. Puja Kulkarni, Managing Director of the SIPCOT, Thiru. Anand and Chairman and Managing Director of the Samsung Electronics, South West Asia, Managing Director of Chennai unit, Thiru. Byong Jin Kong and Government officials, friends from the print and visual media. At the outset I extend my warm welcome to you all.

I am extremely happy to participate in the MoU ceremony. Everyone here knows that Samsung is one of the biggest international multi-national companies which needs no introduction to you all. Though Samsung has its base in South Korea, it has units all over the world and it is not an exaggeration to say that there is no country in the world that does not have a Samsung unit.

Samsung in the Korean language means three stars and the stars continue to remain permanently in the sky. The organization occupies the eighth place in the world market rating. I am happy to sign the MoU with this renowned company.

When Dr. Kalaignar was the Chief Minister of the State, he brought many industrial units to the

State and inaugurated them. I am only laying the foundation stone for the extended programme of those projects. That means we are only implementing various targets of Dr. Kalaignar. The present function is one such one.

Today's MoU is only an extension of Samsung's extended project. Projects inaugurated by Dr.Kalaignar never lagged behind. This function is an example of that.

I have a long-term relationship with Samsung. In 2010 October, when I was the Industries Minister of the State, I interacted with the officials of Samsung. I appealed to them to increase their investments in their units in Tamil Nadu.

Taking my appeal into consideration, Samsung increased its investments to Rs. 800 crore in the year 2010. After that I opened the refrigerator unit of Samsung . In the current year, the investment of the company has increased to Rs. 1,800 crore. This is really good news to me.

I do not consider the increase in investment as a growth of a particular company. Through your investment, employment opportunities in the State increase and through that the State's industrial growth increases. The industrial environment in the State improves. I welcome your decision to start a compressor manufacturing unit in Sriperumbudur with an investment of Rs.1,588 crore, with employment to 600 people.

In today's world, electronics have the capacity to change the industrial face of a State. The State has a 20 per cent share in the country's industrial growth in electronics. Taking this into consideration, the Government has classified this as a growing sector. This classification has been made to increase indigenous production in the electronic sector to several-fold.

Not only in the electronic field, in all other sectors also, the State wants to be in the front rank. Then we should achieve the number one position in the country. That is the aim of this Government.

I hope you all know that our principal target is to make the State a one trillion dollar economy by 2030. As part of this, I request you to diversify your expansion programme. Especially, the semiconductor production program should be established. I am obliged to urge the Samsung administration in this regard. I assure you that the State Government on its part will provide all necessary assistance.

Not only to you, I appeal to all industrial units to march towards Tamil Nadu.

I wish the new project further growth.

Technical panel's report on MSME units submitted

A report was submitted to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin,** by the technical committee under the chairmanship of Thiru. N.Sundaradevan I.A.S., (Retd) appointed to suggest measures to retrieve the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises affected by the Corona pandemic, at the Secretariat on 16.03.2022.

The committee had interaction with 16 Industries associations, 33 Government officers, financial institutions and advisors belonging to start up companies. It had conducted over 60 meetings, consulted people belonging to the industries and brought out a report on issues and solutions with regard to the MSM enterprises.

Hon'ble Chief Minister hands over 21 awards named after great Tamil savants and scholars

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** distributed 21 Government awards and honoured Tamil scholars and enthusiasts, Tamil organizations and media for their services for the growth of the Tamil language and literature as well as that of Tamil society, at a function held at Kalaivanar Arangam, Chennai on 15.03.2022.

By way of honouring Tamil poets and scholars, Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar ordered in 1970, the observance of Thiruvalluvar Day on the second day of the Tamil month 'Thai'. He also laid the foundation for the Valluvar Kottam in Chennai; installed a 133 ft. height Thiruvalluvar statue at Kanniyakumari, declared it open and launched the scheme to distribute prizes to students who recite by rote all the 1,330 couplets of Thirukkural in a bid to acquaint them with the greatness of 'Thirukkural' at a very young age.

In the year 1990, Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar installed, by way of remembering the Sangam Age poets, monuments (columns) for Okkur Maasaathiyar at Sivagangai, Nallur Nathathanaar at Idaikazhi Nadu in Chengalpattu District, Maangudi Marudhanar at Mangudi in Tenkasi district and for 12 Karur poets at Karur and thus honoured them. Like these, he has honoured countless Tamil scholars and savants by erecting statues for them, setting up 'manimandapams' and instituting awards in their names.

Through the great efforts of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar, the Union Government conferred the status of 'classical language' on Tamil, known for its antiquity and richness of literature, in the year 2004.

Following in the footsteps of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar, the Government headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** also has made by way of honouring Tamil scholars, 14 important announcements in connection with the centenary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar's death and is implementing them in an excellent manner. The announcements include observance of September 11, the death anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar as the 'Mahakavi Day' by the Government and publication of Bharathi's manuscripts as a special edition without altering their format. It has also announced and is implementing many schemes like instituting 'Ilakkiya Maamani Virudhu' to encourage and honour Tamil writers and presentation of a 'dream house' to authors

who have won national awards like 'Jnanpith' and 'Sahitya Akademi' and State-level literary awards, in their present district or any other district of their choice.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister honoured the awardees with a cheque for Rs. 5 lakh, a citation, a shield and adorned them with 'ponnaadais'.

Hon'ble Chief Minister's speech at the function
(English Translation)

Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture and Archaeology Thiru. Thangam Thenarasu who has delivered the Presidential Address in this event being held by the Tamil Development Department for distribution of Government Awards, Hon'ble Minister for Information & Publicity Thiru. M. P. Saminathan, Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes Welfare Thiru. S.S. Sivasankar, Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare Tmt. N. Kayalvizhi Selvaraj and other Ministers, Local Body Representatives including Chennai Corporation Hon'ble Mayor Tmt. Priya, Deputy Mayor Thiru. Mahesh Kumar, Secretary to the Department of Tamil Development and Information Thiru. Mahesan Kasirajan I.A.S. who has delivered the welcome address, Director (in-charge), Tamil Development Thiru. Saravanan I.A.S. who is to propose a vote of thanks, beloved noble-minded Awardees, Tamil Scholars, High Officers of Government, Elders, Ladies, Newspaper and Media Friends, the life-breath and beloved siblings of leader Kalaignar who has merged with me, Indian Union Muslim League all India President and our respected Prof. Kader Mohideen – I extend my respects to all of you.

We are conducting this function with great spirit and feeling. Though we have participated in many award giving functions, this function accentuates my spirits and feelings. While I am on this dais, I think of the lines of Puratchi Kavignar Bharathidasan's poem that eulogizes the Tamil language as nectar, life itself, the moon, the water that sustains our people, as mother and fire that enlivens our heart.

Recent research has pushed the antiquity of the Tamil language and race to 3,500 years. The awards which carry the names of great persons who have brought glory to such an ancient language and race, are to be presented here to persons equally great in fame, name, intelligence and capability.

The Government of Tamil Nadu feels it an honour to present the award in the name of Thiruvalluvar who taught ethics not only to Tamils but to the entire world, to M. Meenakshisundaranar; the award in the name of Thanthai Periyar, the Effulgence of Rationalism and Teacher of the World of Knowledge to writer K.Thirunavukarasu, hailed by Thalaivar Kalaignar as the computer of the Dravidian Movement; the award in the name of Dr. Ambedkar, the Torch Light of the oppressed people to Justice (Retd.) Chandru whose verdicts in the court covered not only law but social justice also; the award in the name of Perarignar Anna, whose oratory is the fragrance in the hearts of Tamils even today, to Nanjil Sampath, the orator and the War drum of the Dravidian Movement; the award in the name of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar who spread education and opened people's eyes, to our greatly respected litterateur Kumari Anandan; the award in the name of Mahakavi Bharathi who stunned this world with his poetic genius to Bharathi Krishnakumar who is stunning Tamil Nadu auditoriums; the award in the name of Puratchi Kavignar Bharathidasan, protector of Tamil language with his razor sharp words to Dravidian poet Senthalai Gowthaman; the award in the name of K.A.P. Viswanathan who beautified the ever youthful Tamil through all its three divisions to M. Rasendran, former Vice-Chancellor and evergreen Chancellor in Tamil research; the award in the name of Kavichakravarthi Kambar to the Queen of Pattimandram debates Bharathi Baskar; the award in the name of "Sollin Selvar" to Surya Xavier, who is capable of turning every word into a stone to be hurled; the award in the name of G.U.

Pope who lived as a Tamil here though his birth was elsewhere; to A.S. Panneerselvam, a model to all in Journalism; the award in the name of Umaru Pulavar whose Seeraapuranam uplifted Tamil, to Madurai N.Mammuthu, a relentless savant for the growth of Tamil Isai; the award in the name of Ilango Adigal, who established the greatness of Tamil race through the Tamil National Epic to Nellai Kannan, known for his fluency in public platforms in the Tamil epics; the award in the name of Paavaanar, the resplendent linguist who declared the Tamil language, after studying 20 languages, as the Mother of all languages, to Dr. Ku. Arasendran, who earned the eligibility to receive the award through his research; the award in the name of Singaravelar, the exponent of communism to Madhukkur Ramalingam who has taken up the same task through the daily 'Theekadhir'; the award in the name of the 'Father of Exclusive Tamil Movement' Maraimalai Adigal, who founded that Movement while the Dravidian Movement- a Movement of the Tamil Race – was developing, to Suki Sivam who has devoted his life to religion and Tamil; the award in the name of 'Arutperunjothi' Vallalaar who had identified himself even with crops to Dr. R. Sanjeevirayar of the same hue; award in the name of Ayothidhasa Pandithar who etched the two words Thamizhan and Dravidan in the field of politics even in the 19th century to Gnana Aloysius who brought out the writings of Ayothidhasar to a great extent to the world and one of the top research scholars in politics; the Chief Minister's Tamil Computing Award to Dr. Dhanalakshmi, a computer expert; the award in the name of C.P. Adithanaar who turned commoners into newspaper readers, to Uyirmai magazine which provokes new thoughts to the educated also and the award in the name of Thamizh Thaai to the Tamil Writers Association of Malaysia. Distribution of these awards to you, has added honour to the awards; by distributing them, I am also honoured.

Awardees! I feel happy that I have done my duty to Tamil correctly by the distribution of these awards to you.

Puratchi Kavignar said: "Let us serve Tamil; it confers immortality. Did Bharathi, the Tamil servant, die?"

Those who serve Tamil live through their works; their books bestow life on them. They get personified in those serving the cause of Tamil at present.

Such valiant authors, fiery orators, field soldiers, research scholars, translators and journalists have received these awards. The Government of Tamil Nadu has attained the very great honour of applauding Tamil savants during their life-time itself, through the presentation of these awards. I consider this as being very important. I wish to inform you through this great event that the Government of Tamil Nadu has made it its policy not to fail to recognize worthy persons in their own life-time as had happened to those who have lent their names to the awards. That is why we have turned DMK rule into a Tamil regime, a rule by the Tamil race. When I say 'We', I include all of you and the awardees.

It is the DMK Government that got the 'classical language' recognition to the language that has a hoary grammar and literature; anointed the name 'Tamil Nadu' to the state where Tamils live. It is the Dravidian Movement that shaped social justice to enable Tamils to get education, compete in jobs and occupy high positions. I can proudly say the DMK has profoundly served the Tamil language, the Tamil race and Tamil Nadu. Though its accomplishments are many in its rule of 5 terms, I wish to remind you again that in the last 10 months also, the DMK Government has adorned the evergreen Tamil language with many more achievements.

Knowledge of Tamil has been made compulsory for Government jobs; for recruitment agencies in Tamil Nadu including Teacher Recruitment Board, Medical Services Recruitment Board and Tamil Nadu Uniformed Personnel Recruitment Board, a Tamil language proficiency test will be compulsorily conducted; Mother Tamil language has started echoing in temples; 'Thamizh Thai Vaazhthu' song of Manonmaniam Sundaranar has been made the State Song; Tamil reigns in the State in forms like Kalaignar Memorial Library in Madurai, nationalization of the books of Tamil scholars, organization of meetings on the birthdays of authors, publication at low price literary works of the Sangam Age, Dravidian Encyclopedia, 'Kalaignar Ezhudhukol' Award for journalists, Chairs in World universities for Tamil,

supply of 'little' journals to libraries, 'Ilakkiya Maamani' award, Dravidam in All Directions and a scheme for the translation of the works of Muthamizh Arignar.

Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar Semmozhi Thamizh awards, not distributed from the year 2010 were distributed on 22.01.2022. These awards with a prize money of Rs. 10 lakh will hereafter be distributed on June 3 every year, the birth anniversary of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar.

We have honoured 5 research scholars on Bharathi with Rs. 3 lakh each and 110 heroes who had participated in the agitation to safeguard the borders of Tamil Nadu with a purse of Rs. One lakh.

Our rule is not just that desired by Thanthai Periyar, Perarignar Anna and Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar but one that is sought by Tamils.

Tamil Development does not stop with speaking of the greatness of the language but giving patronage to the authors who glorify it.

Publishers and book sellers were greatly affected during the Corona period; their loss increased when the Book Fair, due to start in January, got postponed. They sought compensation, taking into account the increased loss. They estimated the loss at around Rs. One crore and the Government of Tamil Nadu provided them Rs. 50 lakh. By this, the publishers and sellers got Rs. 1.25 crore for this year alone.

I thought of making an announcement in the Book Fair inauguration but could not carry it out as the Urban Local Body election intervened. As the election is over now, I will make that announcement through this event.

Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar once said that a huge Book Park could be set up to make available all books at one place and for that, the Government would allot land. He also named it Book Park.

I assure you through this event that the Government will select a land after getting the advice of the stakeholders of BAPASI (Booksellers and Publishers Association of South India) and hand it over. When it materializes, all books can be purchased at one place; publishers and sellers can meet at one place. This Government will make all efforts to make this happen.

Hon'ble Chief Minister meets Hon'ble Governor for speedy dispatch of NEET Draft Bill to President

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** met the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. R.N.Ravi** on 15.03.2022 and handed over a letter, stressing speedy dispatch of the Draft Bill seeking exemption for the state from the NEET examination, to the President of India for his approval.

The Tamil Nadu Admission to Undergraduate Medical Degree Courses Act, seeking exemption from NEET examination was unanimously passed by all the political parties in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 13.09.2021 and was sent to the Hon'ble Governor. After 142 days, the Hon'ble Governor returned the Bill. In a historic Special meeting of the Tamil Nadu Assembly, the draft bill was once again passed and sent to the Hon'ble Governor for the consent of the President of India. In the context of the admission of students for the academic year 2022-2023, the Hon'ble Chief Minister met the Hon'ble Governor and stressed upon him the need to expedite the dispatch of the draft bill seeking exemption from the NEET examination, to the President of India for his approval.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also emphasized that immediate action on several pending draft bills and files will protect the honour of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly and the sentiments of the people of Tamil Nadu.

At the end of the meeting the Hon'ble Governor gave the assurance that he would send the Bill that seeks exemption for Tamil Nadu from the NEET examination to the Hon'ble President of India.

I congratulate all the awardees; laud them and greet them. This Government always needs your suggestions and guidance. This is your Government; with that right you guide us.

Today, 21 awards are to be distributed. I congratulate Hon'ble Minister Thangam Thenarasu and the officers of the Department of Tamil Development for the selection of eligible awardees.

The awards in the name of Thanthai Periyar and Maamedhai Ambedkar are presented on behalf of the Departments of BC & MBC and Adi Dravidar Welfare respectively. Till now, the awardees were given just Rs. One lakh each. The DMK Government issued an order increasing the amount to Rs. 5 lakh from this year onwards. For the rest of the 18 awardees, the amount has been increased from Rs. One lakh to Rs.2 lakh. Let your services grow through these awards. Let more people emulate you. Let us serve Tamil in each and every sphere. I once again thank you and take leave of you.

New book throws light on amazing diversity of molluscs in Gulf of Mannar

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, released a book on molluscs titled, 'The Molluscs of Gulf of Mannar, India and Adjacent Waters: A fully Illustrated guide'. This book for the first time in the country contains details of 70 per cent of the recorded marine Molluscs species, at the Secretariat on 16.03.2022.

Though research has been carried out on the molluscs in the Gulf of Mannar for over the last 200 years, very little information is available on the number of species in the Gulf of Mannar.

This is the first comprehensive guide to the Molluscs of the Gulf of Mannar that provides a detailed pictorial portrayal of 1,041 species of molluscs, including 722 Gastropods, 287 Bivalves, 7 Scaphopoda, 21 Cephalopods and 4 polyplacophorans. This guide is a compilation of two decades of explorations initiated by two premier institutions in India. Suganthi Devadasan Marine Research Institute (SDMRI), coordinating the Tropical Marine Services Molluscs Programme in India and the Department of Aquatic Biology and Fisheries, University of Kerala. The spectacular diversity of Molluscs found in the Gulf of Manner and adjacent waters in India is described with excellent photographs in multiple views facilitating easy species identification even by lay people.

The habitats, diversity, ecosystem services, ecology and commercial value of molluscs, are also highlighted. This fully illustrated guide will assist Gulf of Mannar biosphere managers, researchers, students, marine resource managers, members of the public as well as shell and conch collectors to understand the exquisitely biodiverse molluscs of the Gulf of Mannar.

The authors of the book are Suganthi Devadasan Marine Research Centre Director J.K.Patterson Edward, Fisheries Department Professor of the Kerala University, Dr.Bijukumar and Dr.R.Ravinesh of Gujarat Institute of Desert Ecology. The book has been published by the world renowned researcher on Molluscs, Dr.Graham Oliver, National Museum of Wales, England and Dr. Henk Dekker of Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Netherlands.

MoU signed for designing credit portal for MSMEs

In the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, **Thiru. M.K.Stalin**, the Department of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for designing a separate electronic platform, at the Secretariat on 16.03.2022. On the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister also declared open coconut fibre producing centre for the Budalur Coir Producing Company, Thanjavur District, a private testing centre for LED bulbs and holders at Kakkalur in Thiruvallur District, and a hostel for students of Institute of Ceramic Technology, Virudhachalam, Cuddalore District.

Memorandum of Understanding

The Tamil Nadu Credit Guarantee Scheme (TNCGS) has been formed to meet the credit requirements of micro, small and medium enterprises in the State. Under the scheme, 90 per cent guarantee is given for loans up to Rs.40 lakh and 80 per cent guarantee for loans between Rs.40 lakh to Rs. 2 crore, in collaboration with the Union Government's Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), which will be distributed in 6 months.

Along with this credit guarantee scheme, a detailed integrated estimate scheme will also be provided to the micro, small and medium industries. The Government of Tamil Nadu has allotted Rs. 100 crore on its part. For designing an electronic platform, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and the CGTMSE in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Coconut Fibre Producing Centre at Budalur

Under the Government's scheme of forming coir manufacturing companies, with the financial participation of the Government of Tamil Nadu and the Special Purpose Vehicle, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated a Coir producing unit at the Budalur Coir Producing Company in Thanjavur District for manufacturing value added coconut fiber, at a cost of Rs. 3.42 crore through video conferencing. Through this Coir producing company, 100 persons will get direct employment and indirect employment to 200 persons, besides benefitting the company's 15 coir units.

Testing centre for LED bulbs and holders

At the Central Electrical Testing Laboratory, Kakkalur in Thiruvallur District, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated an exclusive testing centre for LED bulbs and bulb holders at a cost of Rs. 6.95 crore. Equipment for this centre is to be procured from Germany.

Hostel for students of Ceramic Technology

Considering the convenience of outstation students of the Institute of Ceramic Technology in Virudhachalam, a hostel with 10 rooms with all facilities was declared open through video conferencing by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The hostel on a 6,000 sq.ft area can accommodate 50 students and has been constructed at a cost of Rs. 1.65 crore.

TANGEDCO inks agreement with NLC for buying power at levelized tariff

In the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**, at the Secretariat on 16.03.2022, the Tamil Nadu Power Generation and Distribution Corporation (TANGEDCO) entered into agreements with the Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC), Solar Energy Corporation and the Power Trading Corporation, India, for purchasing 2,900 MW power at a reduced price.

1,500 Mega Watt Talabira Power Procurement Agreement:

Neyveli Lignite Corporation is to set up a 2,400 MW Power Plant, consisting of 3 units of 800 MW at Talabira in Odisha State. Of this, 1,500 MW of power has been allotted to Tamil Nadu by the Central Power Ministry. The Plant is planned to go on stream from the year 2026-2027. As the plant has been set up close to pithead, the NLC has fixed levelized power tariff of Rs.3.06 per unit. Taking into consideration the power requirement of the State from financial year 2026-2027, TANGEDCO entered into an agreement with NLC for purchase of 1,500 MW in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

It has been pointed out that a separate coal mine will be allotted for TANGEDCO and an additional 2,700 MW be given to the Corporation.

Pact to purchase 1,000 MW Power from the Solar Energy Corporation:

Under the agreement signed by TANGEDCO with Solar Energy Corporation of India, the corporation is to purchase 1,000 MW of solar power at a cost of Rs 2.61 per unit under the renewable purchase obligation. The agreement was signed in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The solar power will be available for consumption at the end of 2022-2023.

Agreement to purchase 400 MW power from the Power Trading Corporation of India.

Taking into consideration the power demand of the State, TANGEDCO entered into an agreement with M/s. Power Trading Corporation of India Ltd., for purchase of power through 4 medium-term power purchase agreements.

Through this agreement, 400 MW power is purchased for round-the-clock power supply at a cost of Rs. 3.26 per unit for three years.

NLC, TANGEDCO and NLC's joint venture together generate 2 x 500 MW power. In this, TANGEDCO has a share of 11 per cent. During the first nine months of 2021-2022, TANGEDCO has earned a dividend share of Rs. 15.16 crore out of the profit of Rs.182.01 crore. A cheque for the dividend amount was handed over to the Hon'ble Chief Minister Thiru. M.K. Stalin by the Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Prohibition and Excise, Thiru. Senthilbalaji.

Hon’ble Chief Minister calls for more job fairs, wants joblessness banished from the State

Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inaugurated on 20.03.2022, a mega private sector jobs fair camp at Vandalur in Chengalpattu District, through the Department of Labour Welfare and Skill Development, and distributed appointment orders to youths who succeeded in getting jobs.

Youths from the Districts of Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram, Chennai, Tiruvallur, other places and more than 500 frontline establishments participated in this camp. These establishments had announced 73,950 vacancies. The Hon’ble Chief Minister distributed the appointment orders to the first 20 successful candidates.

The camp was conducted jointly by the District administration and the Police Department with facilities for food, drinking water, hygiene, safety measures and special facilities for differently abled persons. A pavilion for a Self-Help Group was also set up under the scheme for development of women.

Pavilions were set up by the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation, an overseas company and the training division of the Department of Employment and Training for registering respectively for skill development, employment in overseas and to work as an apprentice; to provide guidance for industrial process validation, the District employment and industry guidance centre set up a pavilion.

From May 2021 till date 36 large-scale private sector employment camps and 297 small scale camps have been held. Establishments numbering 5,708 and 2,50,516 job seekers participated; of them 41,213 applicants got jobs in different fields. The successful candidates included 517 differently abled persons.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister, inaugurated at the function site, the telecast in the Education TV Channel for training youths who are preparing for the various competitive examinations conducted by different agencies for Government jobs. This training class will be telecast from 7 to 9 a.m. every morning and the re-telecast from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Hon’ble Chief Minister’s speech at the event
(English Translation)

Hon’ble Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Thiru.T.M. Anbarasan, Hon’ble Minister for

Labour Welfare and Skill Development and friend Thiru. C.V. Ganesan, Member of Parliament Thiru. G. Selvam, Members of the Legislative Assembly Thiru.S.R. Raja, Tmt.Varalakshmi Madhusudhanan, Thiruvalargal S.S. Balaji, E. Karunanidhi, M. Ezhilarasan and M.Babu, Tambaram Corporation Mayor Tmt. K.Vasanthakumari, Deputy Mayor Thiru. G. Kamaraj, Secretary to the Department of Labour Welfare and Skill Development Thiru. R. Kirlosh Kumar I.A.S., Director of the Department of Employment and Training Thiru. K. Veera Raghava Rao I.A.S., Chancellor Crescent College R.S. Buhari Rahman, Chengalpattu District Collector Thiru. A.R. Rahul Nath I.A.S., Representatives of Local Bodies, Job providing Establishments, Media Friends, friends, my beloved students and youth – I extend my affectionate greetings to all of you.

When I see thousands of young people this morning in this pleasant event, I feel happier and enthusiastic. You have all come here with degrees in your hand and dreams in your heart, with anxiety about the future and with the eagerness to act. I firmly tell you with certainty that your dreams will be fulfilled; your despondency will go away and job opportunities equal to your skills will certainly present themselves before you. I am duty-bound to bless you all, not only as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, but as one of you and as your beloved sibling, that you have a bright future.

'Education for all; work for all' – this is the goal of this Government- sorry – our Government. Education means not merely basic education but higher education –this is our Government's goal.

Likewise, work does not mean any work; it must be commensurate with one's education and qualification. This Government's goal is to provide you with such jobs. That is the reason we are upgrading school and college education and shaping students so that they are suitable for the jobs they desire. You would have heard about my dream scheme 'Naan Mudhalvan', announced and implemented recently. I hope you would have understood it.

The scheme aims at guiding students even at the school age, helping them in the selection of study courses in colleges and ensuring job opportunities for them. The purpose of the scheme is to develop the youth in studies, intelligence, thinking process, capacity and skills and dedicate them to the nation. The speciality of the scheme is to identify the unique talents of students in Government and Government-aided schools, colleges and in universities and to give them further impetus. They will then be guided on the course of study to be selected, where to study and how to go about their studies. It will develop their intellectual acumen. This Government has been functioning like a spinning wheel to create employment opportunities and shaping students to fit those jobs. In this way, today is an important day for the youths assembled here. One of the important goals of this Government is to arrange suitable jobs for educated young people.

From the date this Government took over administration in May 2021, the Department of employment and training has conducted 36 huge private sector employment camps and 297 small-scale camps. These camps serve as a bridge for

Inauguration of the telecast of training classes in Education TV channel, for competitive examinations for Government jobs

the employers and the job seekers to meet directly and fulfill their needs. In the camps conducted so far, 5,708 establishments have participated and 2,50,708 persons have come in search of jobs; of them, 41,213 persons got employment; a particular feature in this, I am proud to say, is 517 of those who got jobs, are differently abled persons.

This is the first private sector job fair camp after Chengalpattu became a new District. I feel very happy to distribute the appointment orders to the youths who got employment in this camp.

On this occasion, I wish to place 3 requests before you. The first is that such camps should be conducted in all Districts. This is what I request of the Minister concerned, Thiru. Ganesan. My second request is to all the establishments that are participating in this camp - join with the Government of Tamil Nadu in the 'Naan Mudhalvan' scheme, provide jobs to the youths of Tamil Nadu, train them and work tirelessly to rid the state of joblessness and help in the economic development of Tamil Nadu. The third is to the youths who participated in this camp, both to those who have succeeded in getting jobs and to those who have not – the successful ones should progress further by developing their talents and the others should not be dismayed but develop their talents and be prepared to go to the next stage. Hon'ble Thiru. Ganesan, Hon'ble Thiru. Anbarasan, officers of this Department and the District Collector have told you about the purpose of this camp. I need not elaborate upon it. You all know how many investors' meetings have been conducted after I became Chief Minister with your love and support, and the schemes for creating employment opportunities through them. All people applaud me as No. 1 Chief Minister. I am happy to hear that. But, rather than being ranked as No.1 Chief Minister, I want a situation to come about in which Tamil Nadu is hailed as the No.1 State. To achieve this, in five years we will certainly banish for good, responses like, 'I don't have a job', 'I have not yet got a job', 'I am not able to get a job'. I conclude my speech, extending my good wishes to all, present here. Nandri, Vanakkam.

6,000 metric tonnes of rice for Nonbu Kanji of Ramalan month

The Government of Tamil Nadu provides raw rice to mosques every year for the preparation of 'Nonbu Kanji' in the Ramalan month for Muslims observing the fast. Requests have been received from Muslims for grant of rice, as in previous years, for 2022 also.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** issued an order on 24.03.2022 for the provision of raw rice under bulk permission to mosques, to enable them to prepare 'Nonbu Kanji' for distribution to Muslims in the Ramalan month of 2022, only for those days the fast is observed. District Collectors have been advised to grant bulk permission for rice needed by mosques. Accordingly, 6,000 metric tonnes of rice will be supplied to mosques. It will entail an additional expenditure of Rs. 13.53 crore for the Government.

Tamil Nadu Legislature stands as one man to thwart Karnataka moves for Mekedatu dam

Speech of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on resolution against Mekedatu Dam - 21.03.2022 *(English Translation)*.

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

The Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources moved a resolution on Mekedatu Dam and explained various incidents in its past history and appealed for the unanimous adoption of the resolution, irrespective of party or political affiliation.

At the outset, I would like to thank leaders of all political parties for unanimously adopting the resolution and for their support to the Government on the issue.

We will not support the Union Government if it gives support to the Karnataka Government for constructing a dam across the River Cauvery at Mekedatu. We will not accept the Karnataka Government's decision at any cost.

Even after the final verdicts of the Cauvery River Water Disputes Tribunal and the Supreme Court, the Karnataka Government is trying to go ahead with its proposal to construct the dam. The Government of Tamil Nadu will definitely stop its move. The State Government is firm in expressing its opposition to the Union Government and in taking legal measures against any such move. There will be no difference on that.

The present Government will oppose the move to construct the dam in any form. The Government will protect the interest and rights of Tamil Nadu and the interest of the farmers in this regard. Let us all unite in protecting the interest of our farmers. I am confident that we will definitely succeed in our efforts.

RESOLUTION

Without taking into consideration the final verdict of the Cauvery River Water Tribunal on 05.02.2007 and the Hon'ble Supreme Court's ruling on 16.02.2018, without getting the permission of the States concerned and that of the Union Government, the Karnataka Government's decision to allot funds for the Mekedatu Project is not acceptable. The House strongly expresses its condemnation of the Karnataka Government's decision.

The House insists that the Union Government should not give technical and environmental clearance for the Karnataka Government's proposal for the Mekedatu project.

The Cauvery River Water Issue is a long-drawn issue. The Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgement on 16.02.2018 is now under implementation. The issue is an emotional one both for Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. Therefore, this House insists the Union Government should advise the Karnataka Government not to construct a dam or undertake other water storage activities in the River Cauvery without the permission of the basin States or the Union Government.

As per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 18.05.2018 and to implement the ruling issued on 16.02.2018, the Cauvery Water Management Authority was formed. This House appealed to the Authority not to consider the Karnataka Government's project report on Mekedatu or permit the construction of the dam.

The House will extend all its support to the steps to be taken by the Government of Tamil Nadu to thwart the Karnataka Government's move to construct the dam and to protect the interest of Tamil Nadu farmers.

Hon'ble Chief Minister lays foundation stone for Multi Super Speciality Hospital at Guindy

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** laid the foundation stone on 21.03.2022 for a 1000-bed Multi Super Speciality Hospital to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 230 crore at the complex of the King Institute of Preventive Medicine and Research, Guindy, Chennai.

The foundation stone laying is the result of the announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the 97th birth anniversary of Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar on 03.06.2021 that a multi super speciality hospital with 500 beds would be set up at a cost of Rs. 250 crore at the King Institute complex.

Following this, the Department of Health and family welfare selected 4.89 acres of land in the campus of the King Institute Preventive Medicine and Research Institute. An allotment of Rs. 230 crore has been made for this hospital. The hospital will come up on 51,429 sq.metres with a ground floor and six other floors.

The 1,000-bed hospital will provide treatment, among other things, in the departments of cardiology, neurology, radiology, gastroenterology, oncology and nephrology and will have other surgical facilities.

Greetings to Shuttlecock champion

"I am proud of Lakshya Sen for his accomplishments in the All England Shuttlecock series at a very young age. He has become the fifth Indian sportsperson to qualify for the finals in this prestigious series. He has missed this historic victory after coming very near to it. My greetings for super victories to him in future."

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Thiru. M.K. Stalin
(21.03.2022)

Hon'ble Chief Minister gives roll call of fulfilled promises of his Government

Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly under Rule 110 on 23.03.2022 *(English Translation).*

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

This Government, functioning with focused attention, on the path of Thanthai Periyar, the effulgence of rationalism, Perarignar Anna, the light of Intelligence and Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar, the hero of good governance, the patron of tamil and the one who fostered Tamil through word, action and writing, has completed 10 months of rule.

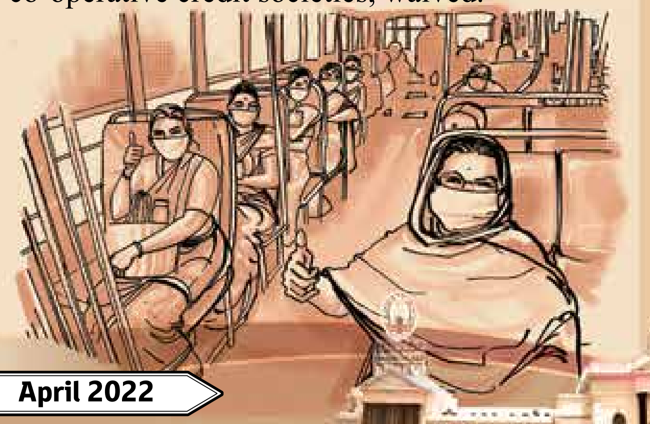
The DMK election manifesto was drafted to implement the expectations of the people of Tamil Nadu in a time-bound manner, retrieve the economy of the State and achieve Department-wise development. The 505 promises given in the manifesto will be implemented. The people have given a massive victory to this ruling party with hope and expectation that welfare schemes not listed in its manifesto too would be implemented. This Government is determined to fulfill those promises.

To infuse confidence in people, I signed 5 important files and issued orders within a few hours after taking over office as Chief Minister on 07.05.2021.

- Corona Relief Fund of Rs. 4,000 to all the 2.09 crore family rice card holders.
- Reduction of Aavin milk price by Rs.3 per litre.
- Free bus travel to women in urban Government buses
- 'Chief Minister in your Constituency' Department to redress grievances on people's petitions.
- The Government to meet all the Corona treatment expenses incurred in private hospitals, under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive health insurance scheme.

Of these five, 4 find a place in the DMK election manifesto. I wish to mention a few important promises that were carried out within these 10 months.

- For the first time, a budget exclusively for agriculture was tabled twice for increasing agriculture production and to safeguard farmer's welfare.
- Loan to the extent of Rs.2,756 crore given to 55,000 women Self Help Groups through co-operative credit societies, waived.



❖ Less than 5 sovereign co-operative jewel loans, amounting to Rs. 5,250 crore waived.

❖ Petrol price reduced by Rs.3 per litre.

❖ Implementation of Anna Marumalarchi Thittam at a cost of Rs. 1,200 crore in rural areas.

❖ Implementation of ‘Namakku Naame’ scheme along with local communities on an allocation of Rs.100 crore.

❖ Implementing the ‘organic agriculture development scheme’.

❖ Renovation of Anna Centenary Library and setting up Kalaignar Library at Madurai.

❖ Five thousand five hundred and seventy cases filed against journalists, protesters against citizens amendment Act and methane/neutrino, Koodangulam atomic project and 8-way road schemes – farmers and general public – withdrawn.

❖ Following the passing of a resolution in the Legislative Assembly, stressing the withdrawal of the 3 agriculture acts and the citizenship amendment Act, the Union Government withdrew the agriculture acts.

❖ The Legislative Assembly passed a draft Bill seeking exemption from NEET examination.

❖ Corona compensation of Rs. 25 lakh each to the families of doctors who contracted the virus while treating Corona patients and died.

❖ Likewise, a Corona relief of Rs. 25 lakh each to the heirs of police officers and constables who had died on account of the Corona virus.

❖ Issue of smart card within a fifteen days to all persons eligible to apply for family card.

❖ An ‘Economic Advisory Panel’ for the Chief Minister to advise the Government of Tamil Nadu.

❖ The Rs. 3 lakh grant from the family security fund to the families of Government employees who died in service, increased to Rs. 5 lakh.

❖ Qualification in the Tamil language made compulsory in competitive examinations conducted by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission.

❖ Steps taken to withdraw wrongly filed cases in the Sterlite incident; cash relief and Government jobs on the basis of educational qualification given to the affected families.

❖ Maternity leave to women Government employees increased from 9 to 12 months.

The many announcements made by this Government cover election manifesto promises as well as non-manifesto ones. Steps in respect of them are being taken by the departments concerned. A total of 208 election promises have turned into Government announcements. The split up is – 52 promises in Governor’s address to the Assembly, one in my reply to the debate on the motion of thanks to the Governor, 33 in the budgets tabled by the Hon’ble Finance Minister for the years 2021- 2022 and 2022-2023, twenty-one in the agriculture budgets for the two years mentioned, tabled by the Hon’ble Agriculture Minister; 3 in the statement made under Rule 110, seventy-eight in the announcements made by Ministers in respect of their portfolios, 10 in other announcements and 10 other promises implemented directly. For all these announcements GOs have been issued and this Government is vigilant in monitoring whether those GOs are executed properly and wholly.

Besides implementing election manifesto promises through Legislative Assembly meetings and Government functions, many policy announcements not mentioned in the manifesto have also been made. They pertain to the socio-economic development of people of Tamil Nadu and a variety of welfare schemes. This Government is also implementing them. For example –

❖ Because of the Corona pandemic students had to remain at home; this affected them educationally and psychologically. To offset these, this Government undertook a great effort to extend the classroom outside the school by introducing the 'Illam thedi Kalvi' scheme

❖ To tackle non-communicable diseases in the State and implement the lofty objective of providing health care at home itself, a new scheme 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' is being implemented.

❖ To ensure road safety in Tamil Nadu and totally avert mortality in road accidents, the life-saving scheme - 'Innuyir Kaapom - Nammai Kaakum 48' – is being implemented.

❖ 'Kalaignar Rural Integrated Agriculture Development scheme' has been introduced to develop all hamlets in Tamil Nadu to the fullest extent and help them flourish.

❖ Implementing my dream scheme 'Naan Mudhalvan' to provide an excellent future to students and the youth by developing their unique talents.

❖ Allocation of 7.5 per cent seats on a priority basis in the reservation quota to Government school students in all technical education courses.

❖ Free travel in Government buses to transgenders and differently abled persons.

❖ An Fixed Deposit of Rs. 5 lakh and tuition and hostel fees borne by the Government for children who lost their parents on account of the Corona pandemic.

❖ A Rs. 3 lakh relief to the surviving parent of children who have lost one of their parents due to the Corona pandemic.

❖ An allotment of Rs. 317.40 crore has been made to upgrade the house and other infrastructure facilities of Sri Lankan Tamils living in camps in Tamil Nadu.

❖ A statutory 'Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar-Scheduled Tribes Welfare Authority' has been set up with autonomous powers.

❖ Journalists and Media personnel declared 'Frontline Field Workers'.

❖ Special incentive to accredited news paper and media personnel, increased to Rs.5,000.

❖ Compensation on account of Corona death to accredited media personnel increased to Rs.10 lakh.

Many schemes were announced for fulfilling 208 of the 505 assurances given during elections.

Of the announcements made in the Assembly under Rule 110 in the 10 years 2011-2012 to 2020-2021, five hundred and thirty-seven announcements remain pending. Of these 537 announcements, 26 were dropped as not feasible as possibilities of their implementation were not examined; most of these, that is 19 announcements were made by the regime between 2011 and 2016.

GOs were not issued for 20 of the 537 announcements; their value was Rs. 9,741 crore; of the 537 announcements, GOs and sanctions were issued only for 491; even among these 491, funds were not released and works did not commence in respect of 143 at a cost of Rs.76,619 crore. I wish to bring some of them to the attention of the members of this Assembly:

❖ A satellite city at Thirumazhisai, Chennai in 311 acres at a cost of Rs. 2,160 crore.

- An integrated satellite city on an area of 586.86 acres near Madurai airport
- Free cell phone to ration-card holders; free wi-fi in public places; Rs. 500 coupon to ration card holders to purchase clothes in Co-optex for Pongal festival
- Many promises made by the AIADMK in the 2016 election manifesto like setting up an Ambedkar Trust and issue of Amma Bank Card, were not implemented
- A litre milk at Rs. 25. The promise that Aavin milk enriched with Vitamin D and Iron will be issued at a cheap rate of Rs.25 per litre to safeguard the health of women and children, was also not executed
- Likewise, the announcement of a high-rise highway between Meenambakkam and Chengalpattu, was not implemented
- A global investors' meet once in 2 years was announced; but in the last 5 years, the meet took place only once.

I wish to bring to your notice the un-implemented announcements made by the erstwhile rulers in their 2011 election manifesto.

- A coastal road from Chennai to Kanniyakumari;
- An aero-park in south Tamil Nadu;
- Blocking online trading;
- Mobile e-governance scheme;
- A special scheme for uninterrupted power supply;
- Free DTH services;
- Special Youth Brigade to prevent house burglaries;
- A special student corps to protect school children;
- Fishermen Security Force;
- Mono rail scheme in Chennai, Madurai, Tiruchi and Kovai as in Singapore;

The AIADMK ruled for 10 years. In its 2011 manifesto, it gave 186 assurances and in the 2016 manifesto 321 assurances - totally 507 assurances. Though it remained in power for 10 years, it issued GOs and implemented only 269 assurances.

I wish to point out to Hon'ble Members that in the first year itself, this Government, as I have already stated, made announcements for 208 promises out of the 505 it gave and GOs were issued and work commenced in respect of 171 promises.

I wish to inform this House that since the erstwhile rulers made the announcements under Rule 110 after presenting the Budget, funds were not allocated in the demand for grants of the departments concerned for most of the announcements that needed fund allocation. Even now, those announcements remain in paper only. It is obvious they were used only as advertisements.

I have been stressing one thing constantly; in this House also, I have recorded it several times. This is not my Government; it is our Government. In accordance with that policy, I wish to explain our Government's stand in this House.

We are in the process of fulfilling election promises. (At this stage, asking questions about it) is something like asking a '10-month old child what is (your) 10th standard marks'. To the opposition parties I wish to say: 'Not only will this child come first in the 10th standard but it will also win a medal in graduation studies also'.

Every time you point out (unfulfilled promises), we take it as a reminder of the great faith you have placed in us.

Also, I wish to record one other thing again in this House. People know well that our Government will implement not only what it said but go beyond that to implement more schemes.

Finally, I wish to record one other point. Among the un-implemented announcements that the opposition party made in the last 10 years, if any are found that will be of use to the people, I assure you that we will implement them also solely in the interest of the people, in line with Perarignar Anna's words that 'a jasmine flower in an adversary's garden too wafts fragrance'. With this I resume my seat, thanking you.

Hon'ble Chief Minister assures swift action and maximum punishment in sexual assault cases

Reply of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin**, in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly for speedy action on sexual assault cases - 23.03.2022 *(English Translation).*

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

I wish to explain here certain issues raised in the zero hour by the Leader of the Opposition regarding law and order.

As for the Vellore District case, one Raman of Indira Nagar, Sathuvachari, Vellore District lodged a complaint on 17.03.2022 at the local police station seeking action against some persons including Bala alias Bharath and Manikandan of V.O.C. Nagar for attacking him in a drunken state. Police enquiry of 3 persons including Bharath and Manikandan revealed that five persons including Bharath, Santhosh and Manikandan sexually assaulted a woman who boarded an auto rickshaw with a man in the early hours of 17.03.2022 near Galaxy theatre to go to CMC hospital, by taking her to an isolated place and the accompanying man to an ATM kiosk, and extracted Rs. 40,000.

Further investigation disclosed that the affected woman is a doctor from Bihar working in the CMC hospital and the man, Praneeth Raj Kashyap of Nagpur, is her colleague in the hospital. As the affected woman has gone to her State, a case has been registered (crime no. 127/2022) in the Vellore (North) Police station on a complaint lodged by the affected women through Internet on 22.03.2022, under IPC sections 147,148, 342, 365, 368, 376 (D), 376 (E), 395, 397, 506 (ii) with Sec.4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act and 4 persons including Bharath have been arrested.

The other issue raised by the Leader of the Opposition was in regard to an incident that took place when the Head of the Fourth Police Commission and retired judge of Madras High Court, Thiru. C.T. Selvam was going in his car with his personal security, Head Constable Thiru. Sakthivel, and had to stop at a traffic signal on the 100 ft. road, Ashok Nagar on 22.03.2022. Three unidentified persons who came in a two-wheeler and stopped the vehicle in front of the car, were asked by the personal security Thiru. Sakthivel to give way. A wordy quarrel ensued and one of the three pulled out a knife, attacked Thiru.Sakthivel and escaped in the two-wheeler. Thiru. Sakthivel is undergoing treatment in a private hospital at Vadapalani and is well.

A case has been registered in this regard under IPC sections 341, 294-B, 324, 307, 506 (ii) at K.K. Nagar police station (crime no. 127/2022) and investigations are going on. The culprits will be arrested shortly. I have advised the Chennai City Police Commissioner not to allow recurrence of such incidents. I contacted Justice (Retd.) C.T. Selvam over the phone and obtained the details.

The Leader of the Opposition has next referred to an incident that took place in Virudhunagar. Following a complaint from a 22-year-old woman in Virudhunagar about sexual assault, a case was registered and 4 persons, connected with the crime, were put in lock up within 24

hours. The remaining 4 have been put in observation homes for juveniles. The case has been handed over to the CB-CID for securing quick punishment to the culprits. The CB-CID Superintendent Tmt. Mutharasi has been appointed as the Special Officer. The charge-sheet will be filed within 60 days and the case will be taken to the special court and punishment to the culprits will be obtained swiftly. I wish to inform this House firmly that the maximum punishment will be obtained.

I have directed the DGP to monitor this sexual assault case personally as a 'model case' and unlike the sexual assault cases in Pollachi and on the 13-year-old girl in Washermenpet, this case will certainly be conducted properly. This case is not only going to be an example for the whole of India in getting punishment quickly but will also be a lesson for the offenders. Just wait and see how this Government handles the case. I say this with determination to the Leader of the Opposition and to all members here. With this I resume my seat.

Swift execution of works to avert flooding in coming monsoon

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inspected on 23.03.2022, the storm-water drain works being executed at a cost of Rs. 4.51 crore in the flood-affected areas of Teynampet zone of the Greater Chennai Corporation in last year's North East monsoon.

During the last year's North East monsoon, the Hon'ble Chief Minister visited the flooded areas in Greater Chennai, expedited rescue works, directed officials to undertake works on a war footing and the works were also executed speedily.

To prevent flood damage in the forthcoming monsoon, the Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered the immediate undertaking of storm-water drain works in vulnerable heavy water-logging areas by allocating funds under Smart City 2.0 scheme, under the scheme for setting up integrated storm-water drains in the Kosasthalai river basin and the World Bank fund.

The works inspected by the Hon'ble Chief Minister pertained to the one on Cenotaph road for a length of 870 metres at a cost of Rs. 2.14 crore and that on C.V. Raman road (both in Teynampet zone) for a length of 610 metres at a cost of Rs. 2.37 crore. The Hon'ble Chief Minister walked the entire distance from C.V. Raman road to T.T.K. road and directed the officials to complete the works quickly.

‘This is a Government that implements good, proper schemes, whatever be their origin’

Reply of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M. K. Stalin** while intervening in the speech of the Leader of the Opposition in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 23.03.2022 *(English Translation).*

Hon’ble Speaker Sir,

The Leader of the Opposition has recorded here the view that the ‘gold for thali’ scheme has been stopped out of political hatred. In his speech, he has created a false image as though the DMK stops AIADMK-launched schemes as soon as it forms the Government.

Your Government is known to block the previous Government’s schemes out of political malice. It is a fact, demonstrated several times in the past. The media and the general public know it well. During the DMK’s rule, Thalaivar Kalaignar constructed a massive Legislative Assembly-Secretariat complex at the Omandurar Government Estate and that was declared open by the then Prime Minister Thiru. Manmohan Singh. The Assembly session was also held there. Who converted it into a hospital after the regime changed?

The DMK Government constructed a huge 8-floor Anna Centenary Memorial Library at a cost of Rs. 170 crore in memory of the birth centenary of Perarignar Anna. Who tried to change and ruin that huge library?

Who removed the name of Kalaignar from the scheme to provide houses under the Kalaignar Insurance scheme? Who concealed Kalaignar’s name in the ‘Semmozhi Poonga’ by placing plants and creepers? Who removed Kalaignar’s name from the park on the beach?

Your Government thought of removing the Queen Mary’s College from its place by demolishing it. The DMK raised its voice against the move on the grounds that the college is an age-old institution of historic importance. For that we were arrested and lodged in prison for many days. We are not bothered about it. After we came to power, a building was constructed in that complex and was named after Kalaignar. When your party came to rule, your only achievement was the removal of Kalaignar’s name from that building.

Who ruined the Samathuvapurams without proper maintenance, just because they were constructed by Kalaignar? Who demolished and closed down the ‘Uzhavar Sandhais’ from getting strengthened? Who crippled the Udangudi Power Corporation, started in 2009? You should not forget that it is you who crippled schemes like ‘Namakku Naame’, ‘Anna Marumalarchi’ and ‘Varumun Kaappom’.

There is one other thing; an important one. Reference was made here about the flyover between Maduravoyal and Chennai Harbour. Who blocked that project? Who covered with stickers the ‘Semmozhi Vaazhthu’ song penned by Kalaignar in the ‘Samacheer’ education text book and his name in the lesson on dramaturgy in the text book prescribed for 7th standard students?

I can list many more things. Don’t think that we are taking revenge for all those acts. This Government created by Kalaignar and headed by me will implement good and proper schemes, wherever it came from. I wish to record this here.

World class facility with fountains, lawns, pergolas and seats to relax

Hon'ble Chief Minister dedicates for public use Central Square, multi-modal transport hub

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** dedicated for public use on 30.03.2022, the decorated landscapes and the subway, executed at a cost of Rs.34.22 crore at Central Square, the multi-modal transport hub of global standards, in the Chennai Central Station area. The Central Square scheme has been implemented by the Chennai Metro Rail Ltd with financial assistance from the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority.

The Central Square declared open to the public by the Hon'ble Chief Minister has many special features.

The decorated landscapes

The open space has trees, lawns and beautiful plants with safe and convenient passages for pedestrians; fountains with colourful lights, white canopies, pergolas and granite benches to sit and relax and colourful lights along the walk area. Paths have been laid for vehicles to negotiate easily and footpaths have been laid with granite benches. All these development works have been undertaken at a cost of Rs.12.49 crore.

Subway: As for the subway, it has been set up across the junction of the Pallavan Salai and Poonamallee Road for the safety of the pedestrians while crossing the road and lifts and escalators have been installed for the use of all types of people. This subway has been linked with the one already in existence across the Poonamallee Road and the old subway has also been upgraded. The new one has been constructed at a cost of Rs. 21.73 crore.

Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurates State Health Assembly, equipment to scan for fetal deficiencies

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inaugurated on 30.03.2022, the Tamil Nadu State Health Assembly under the Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program at the Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital in the Omandurar Government Estate campus.

Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program is implemented with the support of the World Bank to uplift the health standards of the people of Tamil Nadu.

As a part of this scheme, State Health Assembly meetings are held at District and State levels for improving the participation of citizens in framing the health policy.

Every year, in selected Districts, officials of the Departments of Health, School Education, Rural Development and Local Administration, Social Welfare and Women Empowerment and Welfare of Differently Abled persons, Member of Parliament, MLA, Chairman of Panchayat Union, NGOs, Community outfits, Public and private sector representatives participate in the State Health Assembly meeting, headed by the District Collector concerned. The needs of the people for leading a healthy life are elicited from the people themselves and resolutions are passed to strengthen the health framework based on the solutions found for the demands of the people. Also, solutions are found for the exclusive needs of differently abled persons, scheduled tribes, women and youth by prioritizing them.

So far, District-level council meetings have been held under this pioneering scheme in 14 Districts – Salem, Sivagangai, Pudukkottai, Cuddalore, Ariyalur, Dharmapuri, Ramanathapuram, Theni, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Tiruvannamalai, Tenkasi, the Nilgiris and Virudhunagar – and the resolutions passed in them have been forwarded to the State Health Assembly meeting and decisions have been taken there to strengthen the health care framework.

These meetings will promote transparency and responsibility in health care structure; community involvement and participation will increase in framing policy in respect of health and medical care.

Scan for deficiencies in the growth of fetus at preliminary level in pregnant women

During his visit to the Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital at the Omandurar Government Estate campus to inaugurate the State Health Assembly, the Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the services of medical equipment installed at the hospital at a cost of Rs. One crore to scan for deficiencies in the growth of fetus at preliminary level in pregnant women.

The Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing many schemes for pregnant women like financial assistance under the Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Scheme, Centres of Excellence for children and CEmONC centres. Equipment from Autodelfia Maternal Analyzer has been procured from abroad and installed in the hospital, the first of its kind in a Government Hospital in the whole of India. A fee of Rs. 1,000 has been fixed for the fetus scan at the preliminary level which will be conducted in the ultra modern whole body scan centre in the hospital. For additional experiments for the pregnant mother, a fee of Rs. 2,000 has been fixed. The preliminary level fetus scan (11-14 weeks) will help detect genetic problems and thus avert the growth of the child with disability.

Kambar, Emperor among poets

Kavi Chakravarthi Kambar, endeared himself to the Tamil people through his poetic genius. He wrote many works apart from the Kamba Ramayanam, which is his Magnum Opus. Kambar was portrayed as a savant great in knowledge and as the Emperor among poets. He was proficient in Sanskrit also. Mahakavi Bharathiyar has described Kambar as being among the greatest of poets. Sadagopar Andhadhi, Saraswathi Andhadhi , Thirukkai Vazhakkam, Yerezhubathu and Mummanikovai are his other works. With a view to honour Kavi Chakravarthi on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu, his portrait near his statue on the Marina was tastefully decorated and the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Thiru. Ma. Subramanian, sprinkled flower petals on it on 24.03.2022.

Load Van for the use of the Government Central Press

Hon'ble Minister for Information & Publicity Thiru. M.P.Saminathan, handed over the keys of a newly purchased Load Van, costing Rs.18 lakh, for the use of the Government Central Press, to the driver and appointment orders for the post of Junior Assistants in the Stationery and Printing Department on compassionate grounds to the legal heirs of employees who had died while in service, at the Secretariat on 23.03.2022.

Tamil Nadu maintains its pre-eminence in managing precious water resources

A study of German scholar Wittokaber confirms that the Tamils were pioneers in water resource management. Tamils designed lakes 2,400 years ago. However, dams were not built in Europe until the 19th century, says researcher Parker.

Sir Arthur Cotton, a hydraulic engineer, says that the ancient Tamils built tens of thousands of lakes with mud, contrary to English engineers' belief that lakes needed to be built of wet clay.

The Kallanai, Veeranam and Madurantakam lakes built during the Chola period bear witness to this. Sengundram lake and Chembarambakkam lake which were formed during the Pallava period and and Cholavaram lake, which was formed before 1871, gives proof of our water management skills.

British period

Until the 18th century, the village council 'Uraar' administered the lake. The English broke this tradition. They brought the overall water management under one umbrella called the Department of Maintenance; their thinking was that they could bring the people under their control only if they brought water management under their control.

However, realizing the importance of agriculture, they focused on strengthening water structures and creating new reservoirs. Apart from maintaining the 2000-year-old Kallanai, they developed the lower and upper canals of the Cauvery and strengthened the Thanjavur region. They built a dam at Mettur and regulated the Cauvery waters. We cannot deny the contribution of the Mullai Periyar Dam created by Pennycuick to the development of the Southern Districts.

Periyar Dam was formed in Idukki District in 1887-1895, Pechipparai dam was formed in Kanniyakumari District in 1897-1906, Wellington dam was formed in Cuddalore in 1913-1923, Mettur dam was formed in Salem District in 1925-1934 and Poondi reservoir formed in Tiruvallur District in 1940-1944.

Tamil Nadu Water Management in Independent India - 1947 to 1967

When the whites left India, there were about 50,000 water bodies in Tamil Nadu alone. The first decades after independence focused on maintaining these water bodies and increasing drinking water resources.

Perunchani Dam in 1948, Bhavani Sagar in 1948, Manimutharu in 1950, Tiruppur Amaravati Dam in 1953, Sathanur Dam in Thiruvannamalai in 1954, Vaigai Dam in Theni, Krishnagiri Dam in 1955, Veedur Dam in Villupuram in 1958, Sathaiyar Dam in Madurai in 1962, Gomukhi Dam in 1963, were the first water management projects in Independent India.

Water Management Achievement by Perunthalaivar Kamarajar from 1954 to 1963

Perunthalaivar Kamarajar initiated a new revolution in water management in post-independence Tamil Nadu. During his tenure, Keezh Bhavani Dam, Vaigai Reservoir, Amaravati Dam, Sathanur Dam, Parambikulam, Noyyaru, Araniyaru, Krishnagiri, Aliyaru and Veedur dams were constructed.

1967 to 1977

On 06.03.1967, the Department of maintenance was renamed as “Public Works Department” on the advice of Arignar Anna.

From 1967 to 1976, a number of water resources schemes were implemented in Tamil Nadu.

Ramanathi project in undivided Nellai District, Chittar-Pattanangal project in Kanniyakumari District, Kadana river project, Vaipparu dam were implemented.

In Cuddalore, the Manimukta River Project, Gomukhi River Project and reconstruction of Nandan Canal from Villupuram to Thiruvannamalai were implemented.

Vaigai Canal Modernization Project, Parambikulam - Aliyaru Project and PT Rajan Canal Project were developed during this period.

1977 to 1997

Water demand increased along with agricultural expansion and urban development. To this end, the construction of new dams and the expansion of old dams continued in Tamil Nadu.

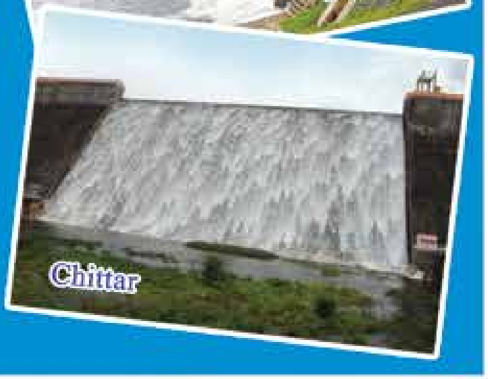
Pambaru Dam in Krishnagiri in 1977 and Kelavarapalli Dam; in 1979, small dams Thumbalahalli in Dharmapuri, Gundaru in Tirunelveli, Vembakottai in Virudhunagar, Thoppaiyaru and Nagavathi dams in Dharmapuri; in 1980, Dharmapuri Kesarigulihalla, Choolagiri Chinnaru and Tiruchi Upparu in 1981.

1982 Dindigul Kudhiraiyaru, Ariyalur Chittamalli, Virudhunagar Golwarpatti, Salem Kariyakovil and Aanaimaduvu. Theni Sothupparai dams were developed.

Virudhunagar Aanaikuttam dam in 1983, Erode Perumpallam, Karur and Erode Noyyal Athupalayam dam in 1984, Dindigul Kudakanaru in 1985, Kodumudiyaru in Tirunelveli in 1987 and Nambiyar dam in Tirunelveli in 1988.

Small-scale irrigation projects by Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar

Realizing that economic inequalities could only be removed only when water resources in the hamlets improved, Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar implemented a number of small-scale irrigation projects during his tenure as Minister of Public Works.



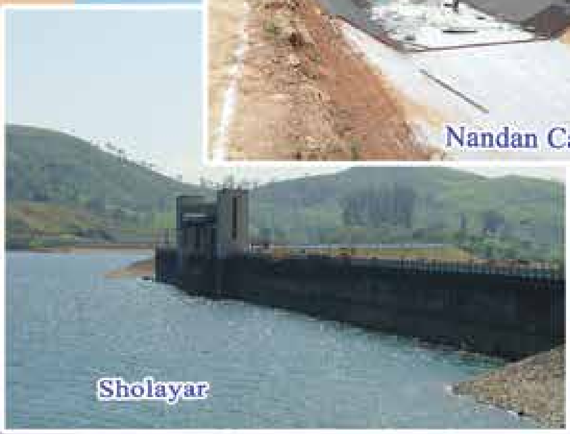
From 1967 to 1975 about 14,477 new private tube-wells were developed. Similarly, 14,737 new bore holes and 4,873 borewells were constructed. With this 8,042 wells were deepened.

Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar set a new record by irrigating 1,10,160 acres until 1966 and irrigating about 4,71,782 acres from 1967 to 1976.

Reservoirs created by Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar

While the water resources of Tamil Nadu are heavily dependent on rainfall, Muthamizh Arignar Kalaignar created hundreds of reservoirs during his reign to store and use them for drinking, agriculture and other purposes. Notable among them are Manimutharu, Chinnar, Rajathoppu

Nandan Canal


Sholayar

Kanaru, Morthana, Shenbagath Thoppu, Varattaru, Andiyapanur stream, Manjalaru, Chittaru -1, Chittaru - 2, Kadananadi, Rama Nadi, Pilavukkal Periyar, Pilavukkal Kovilar, Karuppa Nadi, Anaikuttam, Nambiyaru, Poigaiyaru, Parappalaru, Perumpallam, Kudiraiyaru, Noyyal Aatrupalayam, Niraru Melanai, Peruvarippallam, Sholayar, Nankanchiyar, Nallathangal stream, Ponni river and Upparu reservoirs.

Water Management Projects during the 75th year of Independence

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Thiru.M.K.Stalin has been implementing various social development projects since the day he took office and has been managing Tamil Nadu as India's leading State in all fields.

In order to ensure uninterrupted flow of Cauvery water to the tail-end areas, he carried out dredging work across the rice-rich delta districts of India on a war footing and opened the Mettur Dam so that farmers could receive water on time, thus increasing food production.

He has set a target of building 1,000 check dams in 10 years and has ordered the construction of 100 such new dams across the State this year in the first phase. In addition, he is rehabilitating more than 300 lakes to save rainwater and protect land and water resources.

In the 75th year of independent India, Tamil Nadu has been ranked number one in India in implementing small and micro-irrigation schemes. Tamil Nadu has been selected as the best State in the country by the Union Government for outstanding implementation of water management projects. Also, it is noteworthy that this year Tamil Nadu has been selected in 6 categories in the National Water Award of the Union Government and is to received the awards. Again, Tamil Nadu continues to be number one in food production due to such excellent performance.

- Public Works Department

News in Picture

Hon'ble Minister for Information and Publicity Thiru. M.P. Saminathan presided over a review meeting on 11.03.2022 at the conference hall of the State Information Centre, with the officials of the Information and Public Relations Department of the Tiruchirappalli and Madurai Zones. Thiru.Mahesan Kasirajan I.A.S., Secretary, Department of Tamil Development and Information, Dr.V.P. Jeyaseelan I.A.S., Director, Information and Public Relations Department and other High Officials participated.

The Rising Sun

The sun appears on the eastern sky
Awakening people from their sleep
What a glorious sight for our eyes,
After the darkness and our drowsiness!
The sky is bathed in a golden light
And the sea, in ambrosial luminance.
The sun, our benefactor
Has freed us from our slothfulness.

Spreading the glory of his morning gold
Over the hills and woods and stream,
He stirs up joy in people's hearts,
Poetry is born and craftsmen boom.
Blowing up the gates of gloom
Clarity flows; learning spreads.
The sun ascending now above our heads
Wields his power in full. I hail him.

Sweetness of Tamil

The flesh of succulent fruits,
Juice of full-grown sugar-cane,
Nectar from flowers;
Syrup, cow's milk
And tender coconuts –
All these are sweet indeed;
But sweeter to me is Tamil,
My life-breath.

The humming of bees among flowers,
The gurgle of streams,
Music from a flute
And the melody of a lyre,
The prattle of babies,
And the amorous cooing of maidens
I like all these,
But more than all, I like Tamil
Which is body and soul to me.

My father and mother
Brother and sisters

April 29 : Birth Anniversary of Paventhar Bharathidasan

My sweet-tongued wife,
my beloved children
And other blood relations
Are close to me indeed,
But closer still is Tamil
Which dwells in my consciousness.

The bright blue sky,
The cool moon,
The morning sun
Scattering gold on the sea,
And the mountains bathed in the
evening yellow –
The poets describe all these
But, can they describe
The wonder that is Tamil?
Well-cooked rice
And sumptuous side-dishes
Including dhal, with ghee
And curd and pepper-water,
Sweet, edible roots
And delicious cakes –
Nourishment to the body
All these provide,
But nourishing your inner spirit
Is Tamil, your mother tongue.

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The various publications brought out by the many Government Departments to highlight their constructive works were merged into one by Muthamizh Arignar Dr. Kalaignar under the name 'Tamilarasu' and the first issue was brought out on July 1, 1970.

Muthamizh Arignar Dr. Kalaignar also set up, in 1972, an own printing press for 'Tamilarasu' monthly magazine which was till then printed at various private printing units. The Tamilarasu printing press that was functioning at the Omandurar Government Estate has been shifted to Taramani now and is functioning there with greater zest.

The Tamilarasu magazine is printed in the 4-colour Web Offset machine, both in Tamil and English, and is published every month. The magazine is priced at Rs. 20 each for the Tamil and English editions, for yearly subscription at Rs. 240 and for the lifetime (10 years) subscription at Rs. 2,000 for the Tamil edition and at Rs.2,400 for the English edition.

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The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** wants people in the farthest areas of Tamil Nadu and across the globe to know about the Government's welfare schemes and has directed officials to take all steps to achieve it.

Accordingly, for all people to get and benefit from the 'Tamilarasu' magazine published by the Information & Public Relations Department, remittance of subscription through e-service centres has been introduced. To learn fully about the Hon'ble Chief Minister's announcements, speeches, events, Government's welfare schemes and Government orders, people are requested to register themselves at e-service centres giving details of their address, get the Tamilarasu magazine through post and benefit.

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Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K.Stalin** presented free colour television sets for the use of Sri Lankan Tamil students living in the Sri Lankan Refugee Camps in Tamil Nadu, at the Secretariat on 14.03.2022.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Thiru. M.K. Stalin** inaugurated the State Health Assembly, at the Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital in the Omandurar Government Estate campus in Chennai on 30.03.2022.

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